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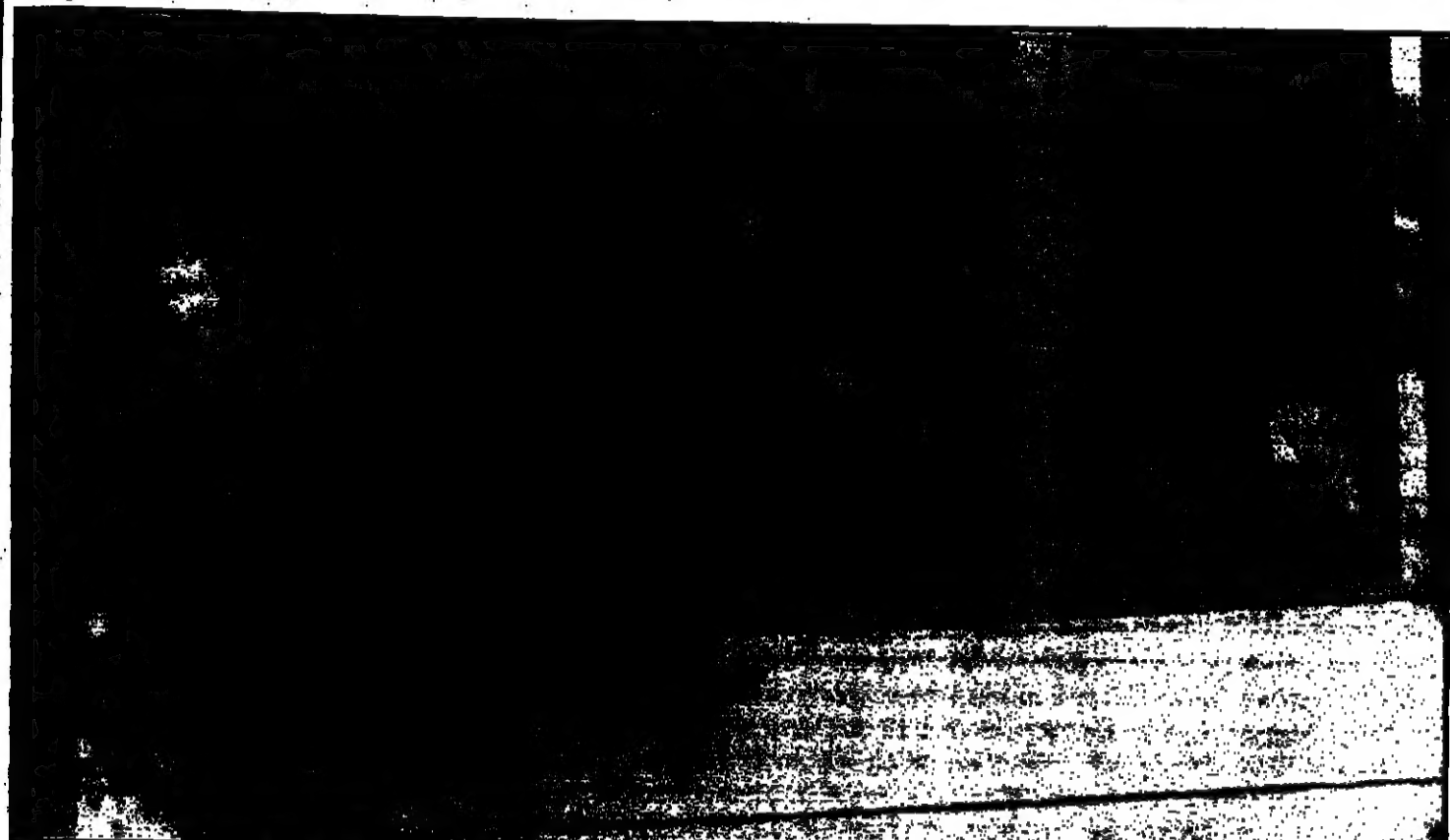
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Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert looks out the Luria School window from which nine-year-old Amelia Cohen fell yesterday. (Flash 90)

## Girl critical after falling from school window

**By ELLI WOHLGELER and news agencies**

A nine-year-old pupil from the Luria School in Jerusalem was in critical condition last night after she fell out of a second-floor window at the school yesterday morning.

Police said Amelia Cohen was apparently playing a game with cards that she threw out the window to other students, when she lost her balance while standing on a chair by the window. She fell onto the concrete school yard, sustaining a severe head injury.

There were no bars on the windows. Municipal spokesman Hagai Elias and school officials said they were not required according to the building code, because of the height of the window.

A protective guard rail that was on the window was apparently removed when contractors recently worked on the building. The parents' association said it had asked the principal that it be replaced.

The head of the parents' association, Dina Shiller, blamed the Education Ministry and the school for the tragedy. "Just three days ago, we asked the school to put the bars back, but we were told in response that the height of the windows is according to standards and there is no need for bars."

Another parent charged that "children's lives have been risked due to budgetary problems."

A five-man special committee was appointed last night by the Education Ministry to investigate the accident, with instructions to submit their recommendations by July 2.

Cohen was rushed to the trauma unit at Hadassah University Hospital-Ein Kerem after the incident, and the school was closed for two hours.

Some parents arrived shortly afterwards and asked to take their children home. School supervisor Yaffa Danon noted that the girl was injured as a result of a fall after she had lost her balance, and that no one pushed her or touched her.

The investigating committee will be headed by Ora Lahovsky, general supervisor of the Jerusalem education system. Other members include Yoel Lufi, director of the primary education branch of the city; Yoav Cohen, security officer in charge of the Jerusalem education district; Avi Shapira, coordinator of security for the Jerusalem Municipality; and Ronni Falkan, a security advisor.

Amelia Cohen is the only child of parents who had struggled for nine years to have a child.

## PM hits back at Mordechai over pullback

By JAY BUSHINSKY

A war of words erupted yesterday between Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu over the lack of a clear-cut decision on the depth of the IDF's next pullback and the absence of a timetable for its implementation.

Mordechai fired the first verbal shot on Monday, when he told a select group of diplomatic reporters that violence will break out in the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority if the IDF is not redeployed immediately.

Netanyahu responded in a TV interview yesterday that "deliberations are under way with us about a 13 percent pullback," and indicated that it will be possible to make progress if the PA "accepts our minimal conditions."

He contended that the agreement now being developed will be "the end of the withdrawal process," implying that this should explain the need to avoid hasty commitments which ultimately would be irreversible.

Mordechai had asked that his comments not be attributed directly to him, but Yediot Aharonot, which was not represented at the closed-door briefing, evidently did not consider itself obligated to abide by ground rules set in its absence.

It did, however, find out what he had said and quoted him as saying, "It's possible to wait a few more days or perhaps a week longer for the decision, but there's no way we can wait until the end of the current Knesset session."

Since the adjournment is scheduled for the end of July, the implication was that a crucial vote on Netanyahu's pullback package may not occur for another six weeks.

Military experts estimate that the IDF would require another three months to complete its projected withdrawal.

Earlier, in an Army Radio interview, Netanyahu said, "We don't point a pistol at our own forehead. That is not the way to conduct negotiations."

He told Channel 1 last night that there has been progress on the redeployment issue, but a decision on the depth of the second pullback has yet to be reached.

Netanyahu added that an agreement could be reached shortly.

The inner cabinet is to meet after today's cabinet meeting to discuss redeployment.

Mordechai vented his impatience with the lack of headway toward the second pullback in culinary terms: "The dish is ready, and if it is not taken off the burner and not removed from the flames it is liable to slip away," he reportedly said.

Besides calling for a settlement freeze, Mordechai also was said to have proposed that the scope of the third redeployment be determined by a joint Israeli-Palestinian committee.

A senior government official, however, cast doubt about Mordechai's expertise in the intricacies of the ongoing contacts with the US and the PA, saying the only two individuals who know what is really going on, besides Netanyahu himself, are cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Yitzhak Molcho, Netanyahu's legal advisor.

"Any other evaluation is worthless," he said.

## Court: Parking tickets have 3-year limit

**By DAN IZENBERG**

Four out of seven High Court justices yesterday accepted a petition by a man who had ignored 154 Tel Aviv parking tickets over a period of eight years. They ruled that a three-year statute of limitations applied to parking fines and that Yitzhak Sachi did not have to pay any fine received between 1989 and the beginning of 1994.

Tel Aviv Municipality Director-General Meir Doron issued a statement afterward saying that the city would obey the ruling and establish an efficient system of collecting fines so that no one would get away with ignoring the law on his own hands.

Giora Rosenblat, the director-general of the Union of Local Authorities, said the ruling was "awful. It will have very severe consequences for the authority of the law, road safety, and solutions to the parking problem in the big cities."

"A decision which maintains that a fine that has not been paid for three years is null and void is a decision that encourages criminal behavior. From now on, every criminal will understand that all he has to do is stick to a TA may repay offenders, Page 4

decision not to pay up for three years and he will get off scot-free."

Meanwhile, attorney Ilan Bombach, who represented Sachi, said he will make sure there were no "suckers" by demanding that Tel Aviv Municipality repay all those who had paid fines which had expired according to the statute of limitations. He accused the municipality of deliberately not collecting the fines until many years had gone by in order to make a handsome profit.

"The municipality screwed up in waiting until the fines and the money had increased thanks to interest, inflation, and terrible fines for late payment which double themselves every six months," said Bombach. "Then, after 10 years, when the plan had yielded a handsome return, the city decided to collect, and did so in such an extreme way that the alleged offenders had no idea whether or not they had committed the offenses attributed to them so long ago."

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## Neeman unveils first tax reform

**By DAVID HARRIS**

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday announced the first stage of what he hopes will evolve into a sweeping tax reform. The part unveiled, due to become effective next year, involves the property tax, which stands to be cut from 2.5 percent to 1.2%.

More broadly, Neeman, who is an expert tax lawyer, hopes to convert the current territorially-based taxation system into a personalized one, whereby all employees, including wage-earners, will file tax reports. Neeman's intention is also ultimately to reduce some of the burden currently thrust on the middle classes, while tax breaks currently enjoyed by various business sectors would be scrapped.

The proposal yesterday received a cool reception from the Knesset Finance Committee, which must approve the proposal before the necessary legislation can be implemented.

Speaking to the committee, Neeman said that by January next year the remaining steps in the reform will also come into force.

Property tax is paid on undeveloped land and adds an annual NIS 950 million to Treasury coffers. The government will recoup the balance by increasing purchase tax on second properties and reducing property gains tax exemptions on property owners who bought their assets between 1948 and 1960.

Several MKs, including coalition politicians, criticized the measures, saying property tax should be abolished. Neeman conceded that the tax is the oldest in Israel and in need of correction, but said he fears its abolition could lead to a rise in housing prices.

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## NEWS

in brief

## Palestinians: Settlers killed Hebron man

Security forces are investigating Palestinian reports that settlers yesterday killed a Hebron resident, Abdul Majid Abu Turki. According to Palestinian sources, the 48-year-old was attacked on the bypass road near Beit Hagai. A witness told Israel Television that a car with yellow license plates drove alongside Abu Turki, who was walking. Those in the vehicle attacked him "with something they held in their hands," and then sped off in the direction of Beit Hagai, the witness said.

Abu Turki was transferred to a hospital in Hebron and later died of his injuries. Members of his family said they will file a complaint with the police.

Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib

## High Court rejects petition against Har Homa

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by Palestinians who claimed that the Har Homa housing project in east Jerusalem discriminates against them.

The 30 petitioners were residents of villages which border the construction site. Court spokesman Moshe Goral said the court rejected the petition because the government had granted Arabs building privileges on land near the site.

AP

## IAF planes strike at Hizbullah targets

Israel Air Force warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Soud region in the eastern sector of the security zone in Lebanon yesterday afternoon, apparently following exchanges in the area. The IDF Spokesman said that the pilots reported direct hits on the targets and all the planes returned safely to their bases.

David Rudge

## Bar Ilan students move to right in elections

The right-wing Ahim list narrowly won the Bar Ilan University student union elections yesterday, edging out a joint list of the National Religious Party, Labor, Likud and Yisrael Ba'Aliya.

Meir Lapid, head of Ahim, denied that it represents extremist right-wing views and termed such characterizations "lies and ignorance." Lapid is the son of Miriam Lapid, whose husband and son were killed in a terrorist attack in the West Bank.

David Weinberg, spokesman for the university, said yesterday: "It's a wonderful thing, a non-political coalition of religious and secular students which wiped out the political parties. It's unfortunate that some people tried to turn it into a political story."

Irim

## Assad, Saudi FM discuss Arab summit

Syrian President Hafez Assad and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Faisal held talks yesterday on moves to convene an Arab summit on the stalled peace process.

Little emerged from their meeting, suggesting Arab leaders are still divided over the form and content of a summit.

Presidential spokesman Jubran Kourieh said Assad and Faisal discussed "the developing situation in both the Arab and regional arenas, as well as current contacts and consultations among Arab sides."

AP

# Hamas prepares rally to welcome Yassin

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH  
and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat continued consultations over the imminent cabinet reshuffle at his offices in Gaza yesterday, as Hamas officials said intensive preparations were under way to welcome Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin to Gaza.

Hamas official Ismael Abu Shanab said the movement is planning a large gathering to greet Yassin, and a rally will accompany him from the border crossing to his home.

Yassin, who originally was to leave Sudan yesterday, is planning to delay his departure by a day or two, following a request by Egyptian officials, AFP reported.

Meanwhile, Palestinian sources said that Jordan and the PA had worked with Israel in seeking Yassin's return.

The sources said that one of the options raised was Arafat traveling to Cairo to bring Yassin back to Gaza in his private plane if Israel

refused Yassin entry.

Following a meeting with Arafat yesterday, PLC Speaker Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala) said the next government should be capable of dealing with the interim phase issues and prepare for national independence.

Qurei said the comprehensive reshuffle will be finished next week. Meanwhile, Nafed Azzam, leader of the Islamic Jihad movement in Gaza, said his movement would not join the next PA cabinet.

"Our position is very clear; we refuse to participate in the new cabinet, since we do not recognize the Oslo Accords," he said, adding that a delegation from his movement will meet with Arafat.

PA Minister of Higher Education Hanan Ashrawi said no one knew about the plans, including those close to Arafat. "From what we understand, the opposition parties are interested in joining discussions but are not interested in joining the PA cabinet," she said on the Voice of Palestine yesterday.

While she hasn't participated in the official consultations concerning the reshuffle, she said she spoke with Arafat yesterday.

## Lebanese PM after meeting Clinton:

# Deal with Israel reachable in 3 months

By HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

WASHINGTON — If Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese negotiations are restarted, agreements can be reached in three months, Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri told President Bill Clinton yesterday.

Speaking to reporters outside the White House along with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Hariri said that Beirut doubts Jerusalem's commitment to peace, and that Lebanon is not interested in Israel's proposal on withdrawal from southern Lebanon. That issue should be taken up in the context of peace negotiations, not separate security talks, he said.

"The real objective here is to reach a comprehensive peace, and we cannot separate the issue of security from the issue of

peace. [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu's theory — which says we can achieve security first and peace later — has not succeeded."

"We told the president that Lebanon believes strongly that the time has come to end the cycle of violence in the region, so that the Lebanese, Syrians, Palestinians and Israelis will live in peace. But this requires certain decisions from Israel."

"It's no secret we are very skeptical about the readiness of the current government of Israel to work toward a general peace in the region," he said after meeting for 15 minutes with Clinton during a scheduled session with national security adviser Samuel Berger.

Hariri said his offer is intended "to create a momentum that will reestablish confi-

dence in the peace process." He dismissed as "impossible" Israel's proposal to start the talks with Syria all over again.

"We believe that we should try to make progress on whatever aspect of the peace process there is," Albright said.

Clinton met late Monday afternoon with Jordan's King Hussein, telling him that the US believes that soon there will be some movement — positive or negative — on restarting the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Hussein "didn't carry any message or proposal" with him, but did tell Clinton he is "very concerned about the situation," a Jordanian official said.

Hussein told Clinton "that the situation cannot go on, that it's the time for the US to draw the line somewhere, to come to closure on its proposal," but did not push

him on it, the official said.

Testifying before the Senate foreign operations subcommittee prior to her own meeting with Hariri, Albright said she believes "there is a possibility to reach agreement, and we will continue our efforts so long as we believe that Israelis and Palestinians are serious about doing so."

But subcommittee chairman Mitch McConnell said he is "concerned" by reports that the US might help cover the costs of the redeployment. Apparently referring to reports that Netanyahu may seek an additional \$1 billion in American aid to pay for the redeployment, McConnell said he is confused because it comes as Israel is discussing reduction of its economic assistance package.



Yehonatan tours Hebron

Yehonatan later told settler leaders why he believed the National Religious Party should remain in the government and not oppose a second West Bank redeployment. If the NRP stayed in the government, he said, it would have a better chance of minimizing the damage to settlements that a further withdrawal may cause.

(This: Margot Dudkevitch; Photo: Efraim Kilbas)

## Foreign Ministry decides not to close 15 consulates, embassies

By LIAT COLLINS

The Foreign Ministry has backed down on its intention to close 15 consulates and embassies abroad, ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Bentsur reportedly said that pressure to keep the diplomatic representations open came from the host countries, as well as from Israelis.

He noted that, for example, the acting foreign minister of Paraguay had asked during a visit here that the embassy remain open. The consulate in Montreal and embassy in Katmandu, Nepal were among those representations on the closure list.

Since the Finance Ministry allocated the Foreign Ministry its budget on the assumption that the 15 sites would be closed, the Foreign Ministry now has to find the funds for the representations on its own and is suffering from a severe deficit.

Bentsur asked the committee for its help in receiving the necessary budget from the Finance Ministry.

Bentsur's report to the committee focused on attempts by France and Egypt to convene a summit meeting to get the diplomatic process moving.

The initial proposal was apparently for a summit meeting with-

out the participation of Israel or the Palestinians, which Israel completely rejected.

There are now hints of a new initiative: for an international summit meeting in the style of the Madrid Conference.

It would take place only after the second further redeployment. Israel has not yet received an official invitation to the conference and does not know the exact format or what its jurisdiction would be.

Bentsur also said there are signs that the PLO intends asking the UN to change its status from observer to that of a state.

A few months ago, a similar attempt failed because of opposition from European Union countries, but the EU seems to have softened its opposition.

At the end of the meeting, MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin (Likud) quoted from the book review by former ministry legal adviser Yoel Singer, who served at the time of the Oslo Accords, in which he describes flaws in the way the accords were drawn up and criticized former ministry director-general Uri Saviv.

"We should get rid of the assumption that Israel has no option but to sign on an agreement," Begin reportedly said. He asked that the Foreign Ministry carry out an internal check into the way the accords were formed and reach conclusions regarding the future.

## IDF reveals Gill missile

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF yesterday revealed its Gill anti-tank guided missile, which more than doubles the range of the outdated, US-supplied Dragon. The missile, also called the Gomed or Small Spike, was developed and built by Rafael, the Armament Development Authority.

Rafael has been trying to sell the Gill abroad and unveiled the classified missile at the Paris Air Show last summer. A version is also slated for sale to Poland.

According to Rafael, the missile has a range of up to 2.5 kilometers, gives the operator and the launch platform a high degree of survivability, and is highly resistant to countermeasures. Rafael also claims the 26-kilo Gill is simple to operate and can even be used in bad weather.

The Gill is a fire-and-forget missile designed to kill any target on the battlefield, including main battle tanks and hovering helicopters. Gill instructors said the missile could penetrate even the most protected tank likely to appear on the battlefield in the next decade. It is fitted with a tandem warhead allowing it to penetrate targets fitted with explosive reactive armor.

"Let's put it this way: If I were a Syrian youth, I wouldn't want to join their armored corps," said Maj. Yitzhak, commander of the four-week Gill training course.

A second Rafael-developed missile, the "Spike," has a 4,000-meter range and reportedly weighs 20 kilos. This missile is guided by a fiber-optic link during the initial stages of flight, before locking onto the target for the final attack phase, Jane's Defense Weekly said. The Spike, like its smaller sister, has a lofted trajectory, allowing it to be fired from behind the horizon line.

Rafael has also developed a third missile, called the Long Spike, or NTD, which is designed for launch from helicopters and is being offered to Poland as part of an upgrade package for its existing choppers, Jane's said.

## Air force blames pilot error for F-15 March crash

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Pilot error caused the F-15 crash on March 1 in which two airmen died, an IAF inquiry, whose results were released yesterday, determined. The hit an antenna on Mt. Eval, near Nablus, and crashed into the mountainside.

The inquiry was headed by a colonel and his team had to sift through the wreckage of the jet and review transcripts and flight records to try to find out what caused the crash, which senior IAF commanders initially found difficult to explain.

The advanced F-15D had been flying at

about 6,000 feet when it swooped down to about 3,800 feet — just 500 feet above the mountain in what was to have been a routine two-minute attack. Flying at 800 kph, the plane hit one of the antennas. The crash killed Maj. Uriel Kolton, a deputy squadron commander considered a veteran pilot, and weapons systems operator Capt. Uri Manor.

According to the inquiry, there were clouds at 2,000 feet, with patchy fog closer to earth. "Despite the weather, the flight crew carried out the attack and apparently were not paying attention to their altitude," an air force statement said.

The inquiry also determined that prior to striking the 80-meter antenna, the plane had not suffered a technical malfunction. The peak of Mt. Eval, one of the highest in Samaria, is bristling with military antennas and pilots are aware of them.

Kolton radioed in that the weather was not bad and allowed him to carry on with the simulated attack. It was the last word received from the jet.

The new F-15I, received from the US this year, has a terrain-following radar system which experts believe could have prevented it from hitting the antenna.

## EU expresses grave concern over peace process

The European Council — the twice-yearly summit of European Union leaders — yesterday expressed "very grave concern" at the lack of progress in the Middle East peace process and warned of threats this posed to the stability of the region. But the final communiqué produced by the 15 heads of government at the end of their two-day meeting in Cardiff, Wales, stopped short of blaming Israel, as had been widely predicted.

The communiqué urged Israel to recognize the right of the Palestinians to exercise self-determination, without excluding the option of a state "while at the same time calling on the Palestinians to reaffirm their commitment to the legitimate right of Israel to live within safe, recognized borders."

Douglas Davis

## Begin Boulevard opens in Jerusalem

By ELI WOLFGELER

The newest, biggest, grandest road in Jerusalem was officially opened yesterday, in a ceremony of great fanfare and welcome relief that it will help ease the capital's intolerable traffic congestion.

"What we're celebrating here is in fact a Jerusalem revolution," said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at the ceremony. "Tomorrow [today] at 5 a.m., Jerusalem enters the 21st century, two years ahead of time. It will provide a north-south artery — like the Ayalon Highway — in Jerusalem. But very soon they'll be saying that the Ayalon Highway resembles... the Menachem Begin Boulevard in Jerusalem."

Begin Boulevard, which will cross the city from Golda Meir Road in the north of the city to Pat Junction near Teddy Stadium, is 6.7 kilometers long, is expected to take seven minutes to traverse in its entirety.

The road is the most advanced

engineering project ever built in the city and was constructed by various Israeli contractors and an Italian company, which specializes in the digging of tunnels.

Seventy percent of the NIS 700 million budget for the road came from the government and 30 percent from the city.

"This road cost a lot of money, because building roads in Jerusalem costs a lot of money," said Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, "especially when you're heaving them out of the hillsides as you see here, in a way unprecedented before in Israel."

"We've invested many millions of shekels, including acoustic protection, in order to protect the environment. The environment is very important, and we did this to protect Jerusalem's citizens, so that they can both enjoy traveling these roads and yet not suffer from the noise when others are traveling."

The project will also include an above-road 15,000-seat convention center and a housing and shopping complex.

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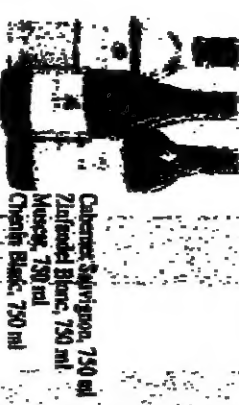
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# TA may repay parking offenders

Parking tickets 'peanuts' in municipal budget

By NOAH STREIT and Him

The Tel Aviv Municipality may repay individuals who have recently paid off parking tickets that were more than three years old, parking enforcement commissioner Amir Halevi said yesterday following the High Court ruling that a three-year statute of limitations applies to parking fines.

According to Halevi, this will force the notoriously unorganized municipality to organize or forfeit revenue. Nevertheless, he said that parking ticket fines are considered "peanuts" in the municipal budget. Halevi told Israel Radio that there are tens of millions of shekels due to the city in payments on delinquent tickets and it is the city's fault for not enforcing payment. He added that the new law

does not imply that those who receive tickets will be "hunted down after a week," but that "fines will be collected in a lawful and humanistic manner."

To prevent people from simply waiting out the three-year period, Halevi suggested that those with delinquent parking tickets lose their driver's license.

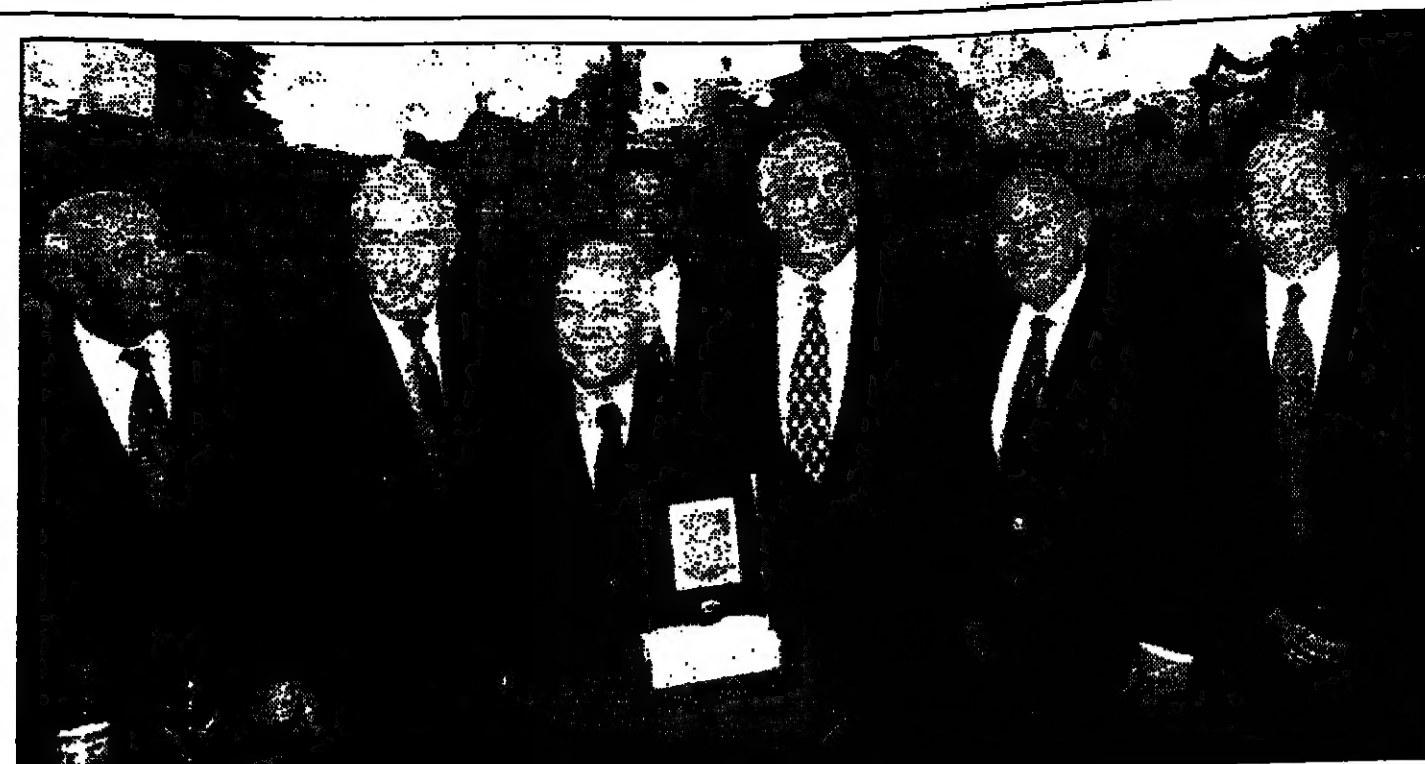
Deputy Mayor Dan Drin disagreed with the court's decision, saying that it makes the people who have paid their tickets look like fools. But, he also stated that parking fines constitute a minimal part of the city's budget.

Udi B., a freelance editor in Tel Aviv, commented that he has about NIS 3,000 worth of unpaid tickets going back six or seven years. "I wasn't going to pay them," he said. "I got warnings and warnings and I

consulted with my lawyer and he told me to wait. Then the municipality offered a deal to pay back 50 percent of what I actually owed after all those years... If they want money, let them sue me... They threatened that they were going to seize my car and my bank account. I immediately registered the car in my wife's name."

The Jerusalem Municipality said that the ruling will also affect it. "If you get a parking ticket today and for the next three years the municipality does not remind you of it, then the ticket is canceled," said a spokeswoman. "But if you get a ticket today and within the three years you do receive a letter from the municipality, the ruling no longer applies."

Elli Wohlgelehter contributed to this report.



## Honoring service to Israel

Gathered at the Tower of David Museum yesterday to honor 40 community leaders from around the world with the Yakir Keren Hayesod award (from left) are new Keren Hayesod chairman Avi Pazner, former prime ministers Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir, Keren Hayesod director-general Baruch Gur, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former Jewish Agency board chairman Mendel Kaplan, and Keren Hayesod chairman Daniel Liwerant.

(Joe Makolah)

## Ze'evi, Ben-Menachem battle panels' future

An angry exchange broke out in the Knesset corridor yesterday between MK Eli Ben-Menachem (Labor) and Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi over Ze'evi's request to close several Knesset committees.

One of the committees is the War on Drugs Committee, which Ben-Menachem chairs. "You're a hooligan who by mistake got into the Knesset. I'm ashamed you're in the Knesset," Ze'evi told Ben-Menachem, while Ben-Menachem told Ze'evi that he should never have been allowed to become an IDF major-general.

Knesset ushers separated the two, fearing the exchange of insults would lead to violence.

Members of the War on Drugs Committee yesterday strongly criticized MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) for intervening during a police raid on a dance party at the Kfar Shmaryahu home of building contractor Emil Abramov on Saturday. Zucker has said the police were discriminating against fans of dance music and acted improperly. Education Minister Yitzhak Levy has also criticized Zucker.

### Elul: Regulate ritual circumcisers

MK Rafi Elul (Labor) who heads the Knesset Public Complaints Committee, said there is insufficient supervision of mohelim (ritual circumcisers). The committee discussed the issue yesterday.

"The field is wide open and is a mess," Elul said.

"Anyone can become a mohel after training for a period of a few weeks to a few months. There is today no law determining what is required to become a mohel and there is no need to present a license before carrying out a circumcision."

"Hospitals should be made responsible for not allowing unlicensed mohelim who do not appear on the rabbinate's recommended list to hand out business cards in their hospitals," said Rabbi Menachem Babayoff from the Chief Rabbinate.

Zissman cautious about Wagner performances

Should Richard Wagner's music be performed in Israel? That is the question which the Knesset Education Committee dealt with yesterday. Few argued about the quality of the music, but there was disagreement about just what role it played in encouraging Nazism.

The committee, chaired by MK Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), determined that extra sensitivity is required in playing Wagner and Richard Strauss because of the feelings of Holocaust survivors.

Ya'acov Mishori, a member of the board of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, said the orchestra must not offer Wagner to subscribers, but would have special programs with his music.

However, Zalman Shoval, chairman of the board of the New Israel Opera, said no one had turned antisemitism into a fixation as much as Wagner had.

## Parking ticket ruling based on technical issue

There is very little in the High Court's 37-page judgement that actually addresses the issue of parking tickets. Instead, the justices focused on a rather technical issue: whether a law which makes a statute of limitation shorter should be applied retroactively to existing judgements.

In this case, the question was whether the 1995 law that reclassified parking tickets as a "contravention" rather than a "misdeed" caused the statute of limitation to be shortened from 10 years to merely three, only for post-1995 tickets or also for pre-1995 tickets.

The subject may be dry, but the results of the court decision are very interesting. The most practical conclusion is that any parking tickets received more than three years ago do not have to be paid. The only reservation is in cases in which the municipality has already started collection proceedings; such proceedings may interrupt the statute of limitation.

The decision, however, does not hold that the municipalities have to return money to citizens who paid fines after the three-year statute of limitation had expired. Although

which permits the municipality to keep the money paid in fines.

The court did not particularly like either the attitude of the petitioner or that of the municipality. The court clearly criticized the Tel Aviv municipality for not collecting the fines which were issued so many years ago. But none of the justices praised the petitioner, and several of them criticized him heavily as a citizen who dodged his duty to pay fines for his offenses.

There is a very apparent discomfort by the court with the result of their decision, which lets the petitioner walk away without paying his fines, even among the majority of the justices who accepted the petition for strictly legal reasons.

Justice Dalia Dorner appropriately notes that "hard cases make bad law." It appears, however, that the petitioner will have to pay some parking fines; he has also received several tickets that were not time-barred at the time of the petition. The Tel Aviv municipality will certainly rigorously collect these now.

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### ANALYSIS

By DAVID RUDGE

Ilan Bombach, the attorney who won this case, asserts that his next move will be to seek to recover those payments, there are enough hints contained in the current judgment that demonstrate that the court may decline such request.

Even if such lawsuit is commenced, the Knesset may act as it has in similar situations in the past: enact a special retroactive law

## Gays prepare for pride week

By DAVID RUDGE

The victory of Dana International in the Eurovision song contest has given homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals a sense of liberation and a feeling of being more accepted in society, according to members of the country's gay community.

"There is a feeling of being liberated, and Dana is a symbol of that," said Ran Kotzer, who is producing "Gay and Proud Week," which gets under way in Tel Aviv on Friday night.

Details of the annual event, which is held by gay communities worldwide, were announced at a press conference yesterday.

The week of activities is to begin on Friday night with prayers and a Kabbalat Shabbat service at Tel Aviv's Reform synagogue.

Homosexuals make up about eight percent of the population here, coming from all walks of

life, including religious and even some haredim, Kotzer said.

"Despite religious coercion and attempts to curtail us and portray us as sick people, especially on the part of some haredi MKs. For instance, there is a sense of strength and pride among homosexuals and lesbians and the desire to demonstrate that we cannot be ignored," he said. "The victory of Dana International in the song contest gave us all a feeling of pride and the sense that we have the ability to overcome prejudices. We view it as a victory for all homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals throughout Europe and not just in Israel."

Kotzer stressed that attempts by haredim to malign gays by depicting them as people suffering from psychological or physical defects was pure disinformation.

"A person is a homosexual or a lesbian because that is what they are. It's like the color of a person's

hair or their eyes. It is what you are born with," he said.

Gay and Proud week is slated to continue next Sunday with a week of cultural shows, panel discussions and the screening of films in Tel Aviv, as well as other events in Haifa and Jerusalem.

The week ends with a parade in Tel Aviv on June 26 culminating in a rally and show which is expected to be attended by over 10,000 people.

Liav Collins adds: Labor whip Elie Goldschmidt accused MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) of paving the way for the bloodshed of homosexuals and lesbians.

In a newspaper interview earlier this week, Gafni is quoted as noting that the Torah says the penalty for homosexual acts is death. Goldschmidt is calling on the Knesset to condemn Gafni.

A spokesman for Gafni said his words were taken out of context.

## MKs file bill for religious freedom

By LIAT COLLINS

Seven MKs from coalition and opposition parties have filed a bill proposing a Basic Law: Freedom of Religion. The bill is aimed at creating a new balance on religious issues but is not an attempt to separate state from religion.

"The objective of the basic law is to defend the freedom of religion of the citizens of the state and the residents thereof, in the spirit of the values of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state," according to the text of the bill.

It refers to the "interests and needs of religious congregations and of the various streams..." and states: "No person shall be disadvantaged on religious grounds; No rights shall be denied, nor obligations or prohibitions imposed on a person on religious grounds."

Among its clauses, the bill states that every citizen has the right to religious freedom and determines that the IDF and all public institutions must keep kosher and preserve Shabbat and religious holidays as days off.

Non-Jews would have the right

to keep their own holidays and days of rest.

The bill would allow for couples to choose whether to marry - and divorce - in a religious or civil service.

The bill was submitted by MKs Hagai Merom, Sofia Landver and Ori Orr (all Labor), Eliezer Zandberg (Likud-Tsomet), Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz), Avraham Poraz (Shinui) and Michael Nudelman (Yisrael Ba'aliya).

At a press conference in the Knesset launching the bill, Merom said several Orthodox rabbis expressed support for it.

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# Hanegbi opposes DNA data bill

By JUDY SIEGEL

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday voiced opposition to the current version of Likud MK Meir Sheerit's private member's bill regulating data from human DNA tests.

In a tense meeting of the Knesset Science and Technology Committee, Hanegbi said the bill "does not conflict with the position and outlook" of his ministry.

But since it "raises major moral, ethical and social questions," the proposed legislation should be prepared "with agreement of all the relevant interests," Hanegbi said. "This is a new subject that in many countries hasn't been dealt with in the form of laws, but only in directives and work rules."

He added that it was important for the bill to be integrated with existing laws dealing with protection of privacy and patients' rights, and that some parts could be arranged by regulations rather than laws passed by the Knesset.

Sheerit said he was certain that in the next few weeks, the final wording of his bill would be concluded.

"The justice minister was just arguing over legalistic wording; I'm willing for technical changes to be made," he said. "My bill has the support of the majority of the committee, plus that of many professional groups. I first became aware of the problems when DNA testing for cancer was brought to my attention."

The public has the right to

decide whether DNA tests may be made on their blood, and if so, who is entitled to the information — and how long it will be stored, by whom and for what use."

Sheerit said his subcommittee on the subject has held 15 long sessions, seven or eight hours each, to discuss all the implications of the bill.

"If genetic data are used for research, the findings must be kept completely separate from the names," he said. "But the work has already produced a benefit: it pushed the Health Ministry to wake up and appoint a committee to determine which institutes should be permitted to conduct DNA tests."

The issue of DNA testing has been controversial in many coun-

tries, especially in the US, where employers and private health insurance companies are eager to obtain genetic data to learn about an individual's risks for getting a serious disease, which would mean higher health insurance costs.

Health Ministry chief scientist Bracha Rager said her ministry has "not yet decided its official position on the bill."

But some of the parts are unnecessary, given the existing Patients' Rights Bill and laws regarding protection of private information," she said.

She conceded that no one has ever been convicted or even indicted for violating these laws; "there is a problem of enforcement."

Rager was concerned that employers and insurance companies could use genetic information from DNA tests to the detriment of individuals and that legislation should protect against this.

But she was also worried that patients who underwent DNA tests could insist their blood samples be thrown away, even though they could be needed by scientists for long-term research for the benefit of man.

In any case, the Health Ministry itself has appointed committees of experts to propose legislation and regulations dealing with a wide variety of genetic issues. "The work, coordinated by associate director-general Boaz Lev, is quite advanced," Rager said.

## NEWS

in brief

### Decision today in Manbar case

Tel Aviv District Court will give its ruling today in the trial of Nahum Manbar, the international arms dealer and businessman accused of selling Iran raw materials for producing chemical weapons. The maximum punishment for the offense of aiding an enemy to fight Israel is death. But prosecutor Dvora Chen has said previously that she will not ask for the death penalty if Manbar is convicted. Manbar's lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, has denied the charges against his client. *lit*

### Israel won't extradite alleged German terrorist

Israel has rejected Germany's request to extradite Stephan Smyrek, a German citizen arrested on suspicion of plotting a suicide bombing with Hizbullah, an Israeli official yesterday. Smyrek, 26, was arrested upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport. Israeli authorities say Smyrek confessed to his role in the plot, which was never carried out. Dvora Chen, of the State Attorney's Office, told Tel Aviv District Court yesterday that Israeli authorities "have decided not to extradite the accused." She said Israel wants to try him here, and that according to the European convention on extradition, there is no obligation to extradite an accused person who has already been indicted in the country where he was arrested. *AP*

### Transport Ministry begins survey in east J'lem

The Transport Ministry yesterday began a major survey of transportation needs in Arab areas of Jerusalem, this time with police protection for those undertaking the survey. The ministry said that an attempt to undertake the survey two months ago had to be stopped because security officers from the Palestinian Authority "arrested" 16 participants. Bethlehem residents were taken to Ramallah and interrogated for an entire day before being released. Their equipment, including cellular phones and tape recorders, was taken and not returned. *Haim Shapiro*

### Drin joins TA mayoral race

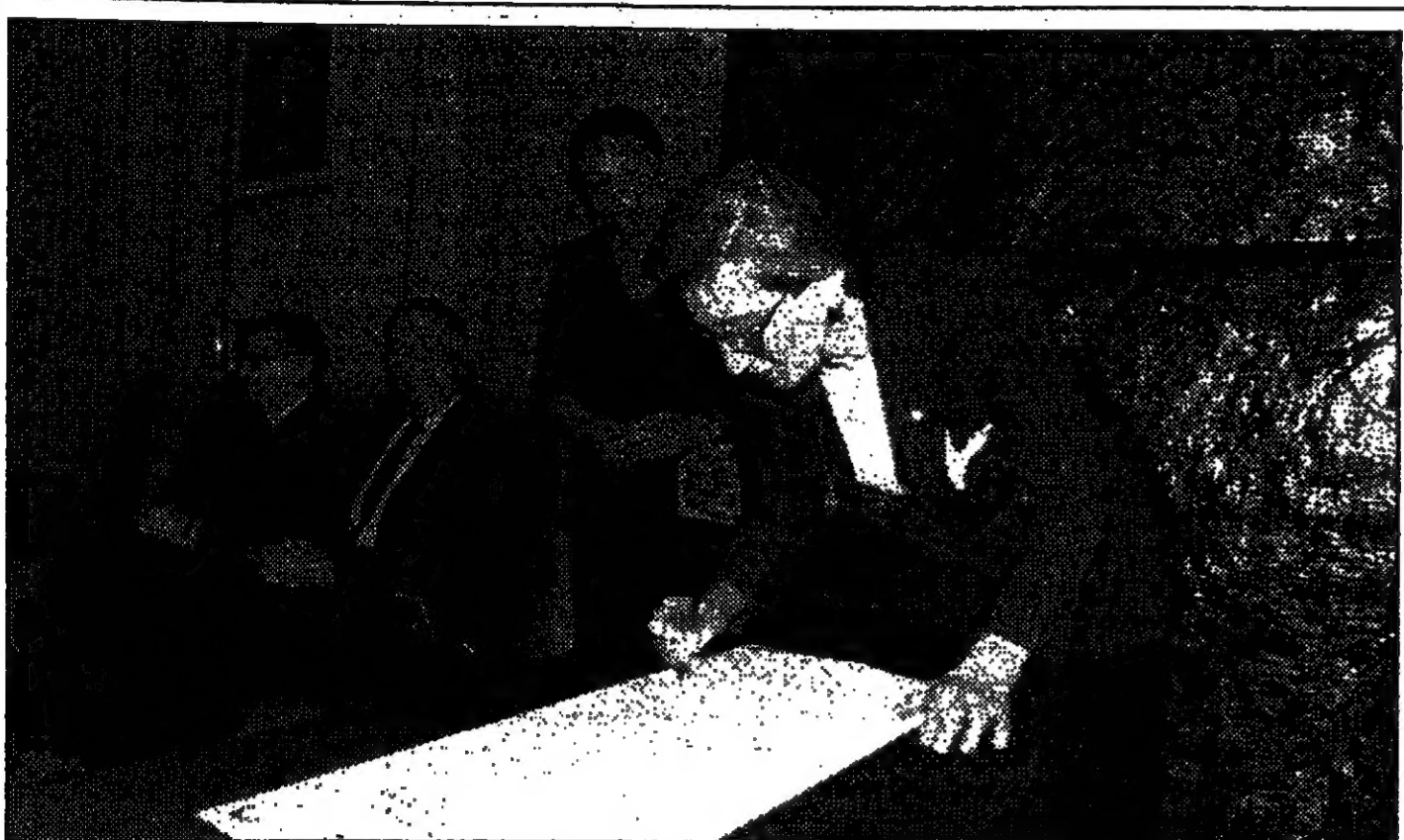
Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor Dan Drin has joined Ron Huldai (Labor) and Doron Rubin (Likud) in the mayoral contest. He has the support of outgoing Mayor Ronni Milo and will run as the candidate of his Lev party. He told a press conference yesterday that he "had hoped to continue as deputy mayor, but then Milo announced that he would not run again, and I had to think about the future. When I saw that neither major party had fielded a top-notch candidate, I decided I had to announce my candidacy." *lit*

### Combating political decay

Since a parliamentarian's mouth is perhaps the most important part of his or her anatomy, Kupat Holim Maccabi will today hold a "dental marathon" in the Knesset for MKs and house staffers. Previous surveys of dental health in the Knesset found that many MKs have failed to get regular dental care, which they attributed to pressure at work and lack of time. *Judy Siegel*

### Honey, who stole the bees?

Israeli beekeepers are in a tizzy over the theft of hundreds of beehives — more than 1,600 since the beginning of the year, according to Roni Hassid, spokesman for the Honey Producers Council. Boaz Kanot, chairman of the Israel Beekeepers Organization, said 20 of his hives were taken Monday night. He said he suspects Palestinians are entering Israel by night from the West Bank and making off with the hives, since most of the thefts have taken place in areas near the Green Line. *AP*



### Signing for tolerance

Reuma Weizman signs a declaration calling for tolerance yesterday at the President's Residence. Waiting to sign are Supreme Court President Aharon Barak (far left) and Moshe Silva, head of Tolerance, the non-partisan group against violence which sponsored the declaration in honor of the country's jubilee. (Isaac Harari)

## Local DBS to be operative early 1999

By HELEN KAYE

Multi-channel Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) service will probably start "early in 1999," Communication Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday at a press briefing in Tel Aviv.

The service will break the virtual monopoly enjoyed by the cable companies, she added, and "will solve once and for all the problems of TV reception in areas which the cable companies do not cover."

The cable companies have petitioned the High Court to forbid DBS, but Livnat is confident the court will turn them down since it refused to grant a restraining order on the infrastructural processes already under way.

Livnat will present the DBS package to the Knesset Finance Committee tomorrow. Approval is expected, since the committee unanimously passed the DBS amendment in the Budget Arrangements Law of January 5.

In accordance with the discretionary powers granted her ministry by an amendment to the Bezek Law in January, Livnat decided that DBS providers would be granted licenses rather than franchises.

The decision followed the multifaceted RFI (Request for Information) initiated late last year and consultation with both local and foreign private and governmental bodies.

Market forces would decide which suppliers would corner the market, "a decision which also concurs with this government's policy," Livnat continued, adding that licensing "will protect consumers by ensuring

proper service from competent providers."

Costs will also limit the number of licensees, because capital investment is expected to be \$150 million-\$200 million. Additionally, applicants will be expected to provide evidence of \$40m. in capital and to pay \$10m.-\$15m. for the license.

The packages will provide the most direct competition to the cables, which currently charge up to \$40 per month for their services. DBS packages can cost as little as \$6.50 a month.

Packages will have to offer at least 10 channels, three of which will have to be Hebrew language (dubbing or subtitles), with 10 percent local programming.

The government and providers will not regulate the content of the programming provided that it comply with established legal and ethical guidelines.

Altogether, Livnat stressed, the government wants to stay out of DBS "because professional and corporate interests are better equipped to handle its demands."

To prevent conflict of interest and/or cross-ownership, no cable company or its direct affiliates may bid for a DBS license, and associate interests can only own up to 20 percent of the equity and have 10 percent voting rights on the board.

There are 12 satellites operating above the area, including the Israeli Amos, "so that there is no shortage of sources," Livnat observed, adding that it is not her ministry's business to ensure the success of DBS "but to create options. If the market is not ready, those options won't be exercised."

## Police received 20,000 reports of domestic violence

By LIAT COLLINS

Police received 20,000 complaints of domestic violence last year, 14,500 of them from women, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday.

Kahalani said the police force is adding 120 positions in police stations dedicated to dealing with domestic violence, nine of them in the Arab areas. He said that in 11 of the 16 cases of murder of women by their partners so far this year, the police did not have any prior complaints. Between 1990 and 1995, he added, 76 women were killed by their partners and in only 16 percent of the cases had a previous complaint of violence been filed; 30% were not known at all to the police.

He said the woman's wish for a separation was the motive for seven of the 16 murders.

Kahalani said of the 45 men who were brought to trial, 35 received a life sentence and eight were not sentenced because they were hospitalized for psychiatric treatment.

"Undoubtedly there has been tremendous improvement in the police handling of women who have been subjected to violence, particularly at the higher levels," Yael Dayan (Labor), who chairs the committee, said. "I hope the improvement will also be felt at the lower levels among the police in [local] stations."

The committee called on the police to report back to it in six months on four issues: the addition of the 120 positions dealing with violence; the progress of a project for volunteers accompanying the victims of violence; checking the awareness of station commanders on the subject; and broadening the category of domestic murder to include girls under 18 and women killed by relatives.

## Lufthansa apologizes for employee's antisemitism

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Lufthansa has apologized to an Israeli passenger who reported that a ground crew supervisor in Germany had called him a "dirty Jew."

Yitzhak Barak said that he had been entitled to an upgrade from tourist class to business class, but the check-in clerk refused to allocate the upgrade. Barak said that the clerk referred him to a supervisor who told him that if he was dissatisfied, he could go to El Al, which "deals with your people."

The passenger said that when he complained that the supervisor sounded like an antisemite, the

supervisor told him he was a "dirty Jew."

The incident came to light last month during a visit by Juergen Weber, president and chief executive officer of the German national airline. Weber immediately responded that the airline would investigate and if the report was true, he extended his apology.

Lufthansa Israel spokesman Yitzhak Zaroni said yesterday that Weber had appointed Karl Friedrich Raush, a member of the Lufthansa board of directors to investigate. Raush asked Barak to come to Germany to help in the investigation and later the airline issued a public apology.

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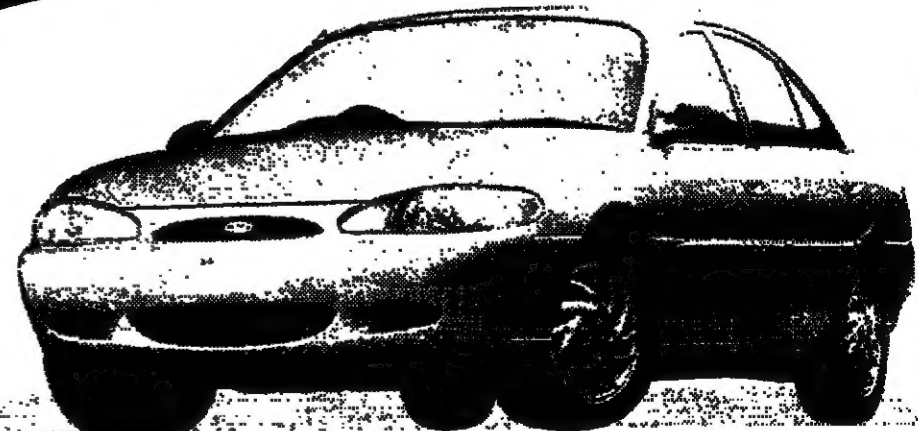
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## Meltdown in Japan

The scent of fear is in the Chinese air. "Why are Japan and the United States letting the yen slide?" thundered the country's *Financial Times* yesterday. "It is mainly because a falling yen suits both their economic interests now, and is beneficial in passing on their domestic economic problems to other countries."

So there! Never mind the incongruity of the last great Communist government engaged in a high-capitalist debate (the newspaper is owned by the central bank and state-run trading banks.) The analysis may not be the most objective or dispassionate, but the alarm in Beijing is palpable, and justified.

The Xinhua news agency warned almost poetically that "the skies over Asia are darkening." It continued: "The weak yen threatens a new round of financial crises in the region." Any minute now, Hong Kong may follow Japan and announce it too is in official recession (negative economic growth in two consecutive quarters.) There is no panic or rioting in the streets of well-ordered Japan. This is not Indonesia, and it still remains a rich and powerful world power, its people among the most prosperous in history.

### No nothing

However, the Tokyo Central Bank yesterday followed up this week's official declaration of recession with a somber warning that the employment and income situations are worsening steadily. In other words, the bad news is going to get worse. And a radio-quoted gloomy shopkeeper in Tokyo suburbs saying customers were buying only food — no clothes, no books, no computers, none of the gadgets they love so much.

Let no one in the US or Europe gloat about the Asians who invaded their backyards two decades ago now getting their come-uppance. This is the old domino theory come back to haunt the capitalists in a new economic guise. This is the dark side of the cozy global village.

The domino run has started, one by one, clunk clunk. Indonesia is flat down. So are Korea, Thailand and Malaysia; Japan is plunging, Hong Kong and China are wobbling. Further afield, so are Russia and the less developed Eastern Europeans. Quivers are running through South America.

The US and the European Union are still riding high on hubris. Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. But China is right about feeling itself now on the front line and may be forgiven for its not too unreasonable fuming against the Americans and Japanese.

### Sins of omission

From a Chinese perspective,

the two economic superpowers are cruising along and enjoying the benefits of a weak yen with a selfish disregard for the spreading panic. The former Asian tigers are in a spiral of collapsing currencies and dried-up exports to Japan. While China's vast bulk so far has enabled its currency to ride the whirlwind, the strain is beginning to tell.

A quarter of China's foreign-exchange reserves are denominated in yen, and Chinese bourses were quick to parallel the sliding yen with sliding markets.

The sins China attributes to the US are no more than sins of confusion. This official Japanese recession hard on the heels of the extermination of the economic tigers is an unprecedented crisis to manage. The sins of Japan are more serious.

Experts throw around phrases like "structural anomalies" to explain the mess Japan has been getting itself into. Structural blindness might be a better term. The economic crisis in Asia has proved to be, in the main, a crisis of poor banking practices. This is bad enough in what are quite small Asian economies, despite their macho "tiger" adjective. Japan is not. Japan is a global giant and it has had real responsibility to the rest of the world — and especially to its Asian neighbors like China — for making sure its economic and banking practices are sound. It failed.

### Speak no evil

Japanese banks, for example, traditionally capitalize themselves with a large percentage of stock holdings. The stock market collapses, and voila, the capital base of the banks shrinks. That means no money for loans, so pretty soon businesses start to go bust. Citizens start saving instead of spending — at the very time the economy starts gasping for consumer demand. The recession roller-coaster is thundering downward, accompanied by the shrieks of the hapless passengers.

The yen flew past its point of no return a couple of months ago when it fell below 140 to the dollar for the first time since 1991. Yesterday it was 146. Stand by for the psychological crucial 150.

This is the first time since 1975 that Japan has met the scientific economic criteria for recession — the basis for our use of the term "official" recession. But Japanese governments are hooked on denial, and this one has still refrained from uttering the R-word, though the figures are undisputed and indicate this is Japan's worst economic collapse since World War II.

Only when the first big industrial name goes bust might Japanese officials admit the crunch is here.

### Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

# Kohl plays political hardball

With his back against the wall, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is being criticized for using tough campaign tactics in his fight for a fifth term in office

By ERIC KIRSCHBAUM

BONN — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, fighting from behind to win re-election, is being taken to task for trying to dim some of the media attention shining on his challenger.

Analysts and critics say traditional campaign strategies such as cutting unemployment with new spending have given way to hardball, undemocratic tactics that reflect the government's desperation.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) are on the attack, accusing Kohl's government of manipulating media coverage of their candidate Gerhard Schröder.

The government press office denies it intervened on Kohl's behalf to bar cameras from meetings Schröder held with two of the world's most influential leaders.

Schröder did not publicly complain when cameras were kept out of his meeting in May with US President Bill Clinton but was more vocal when the same thing happened this month with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"I am thankful to the organizers for thinking of my well-known aversion to cameras in such a grandiose fashion," Schröder said sarcastically.

"There are no pictures of our meeting. Whoever was behind this deserves thanks for taking my fears of publicity into consideration."

The accusations of a sinister intervention by the federal press office were widely reported in the German media after the Schröder-Yeltsin meeting.

Russian officials were quoted in German newspapers as saying the German government, not Yeltsin, made the request to keep the media away.

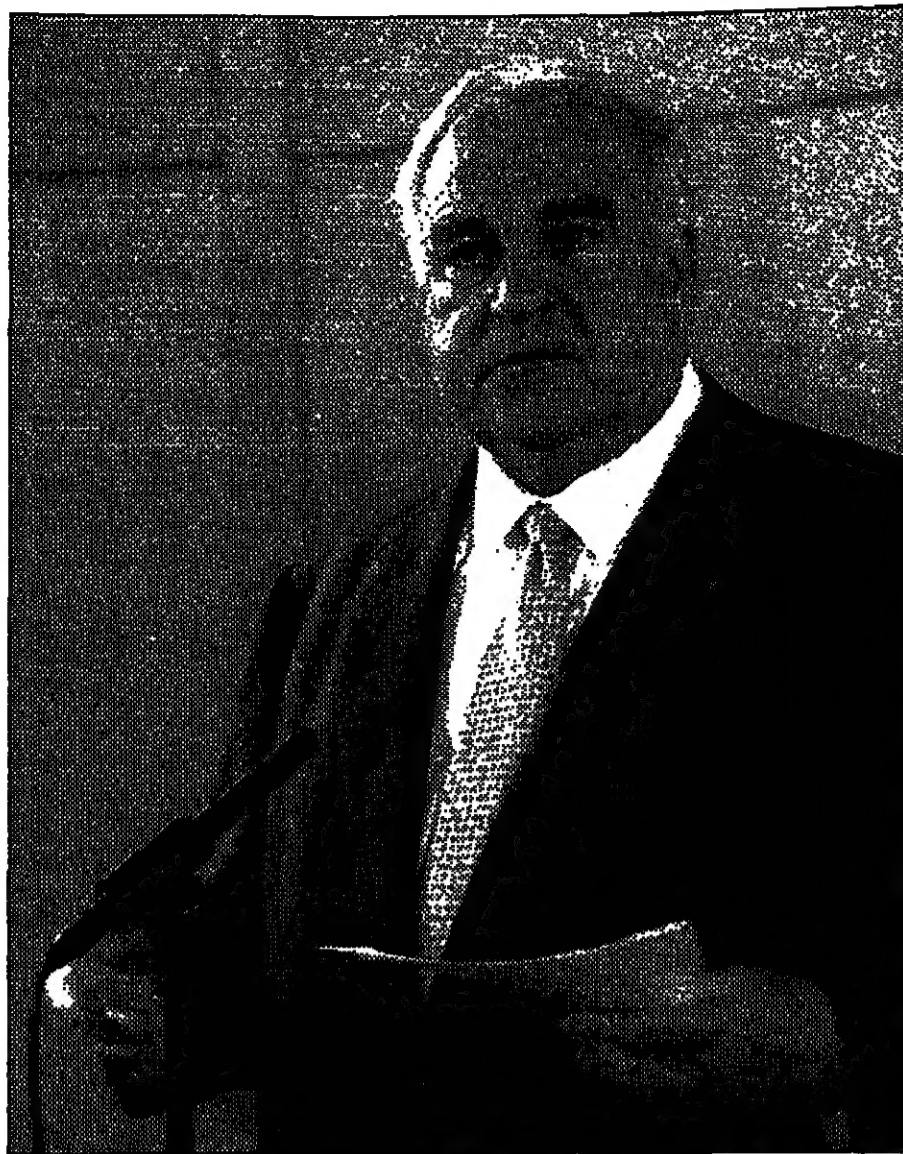
Political scientists and commentators were surprised by the tactics, calling them a crude attempt by Kohl to impress voters while keeping Schröder off the stage in the run-up to the election in September.

"It's undemocratic and a scandal," said Bernhard Wessels, a political science professor at Berlin's Free University. "It's one thing for Kohl to campaign as a great statesman but it's an outrage to manipulate the media. It's a sign of real panic."

Uwe Gehring, a political scientist at the University of Mainz, said it was perfectly acceptable for Kohl to use the visit of world leaders to help his campaign but that meddling with media coverage of his opponent was another thing.

"It's an unacceptable intervention," Gehring said.

The SPD, which has been leading Kohl in voter surveys for months and hopes to return to power after 16 years in opposition, is furious that the TV plug was pulled again during Yeltsin's visit.



Tricky Helmut? Kohl's government is being accused of manipulating media coverage of his challenger, Social Democrat Gerhard Schröder. (AP)

"It was just the same as when Clinton came to Berlin in May," said SPD parliamentary leader Rudolf Scharping. "No pictures allowed. I don't know why they did that."

Perhaps nerves or a lack of self-confidence — or probably both.

Kohl's campaign managers have said a key part of their strategy involves portraying the chancellor, Europe's longest-serving leader, as an international statesman with close ties to many world leaders.

They have expressed concerns about how Kohl, 68, measures up to the 54-year-old

Schröder on television.

They hoped television images of Kohl with Clinton, Yeltsin, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French President Jacques Chirac at the Group of Eight meeting and European Union summit would reinforce the chancellor's standing among voters.

But Kohl, seeking a fifth four-year term, has failed to make up ground on Schröder and has trailed him by more than five points in most voter surveys in recent months.

"Even if we pretend we are all stupid, shouldn't the chancellor — even if it really wasn't his idea — have intervened to ensure

fair coverage in the interest of democracy?" Thomas Roth of ARD television said in a commentary. "Of course that is what he should have done."

German Radio also asked questions about who was behind the media blackout.

"Was it a transparent favor from the Russian side for the chancellor or was it... possibly the response to a corresponding request?" the radio network asked.

Kohl's spokesman Otto Hauser denied the federal press office intervened to block coverage of Schröder meeting Yeltsin.

"The federal press office did not cancel it," Hauser said.

"I firmly deny that. The fact of the matter is that the Russians were the hosts for that particular meeting." But the conservative daily *Die Welt* reported that the order barring cameras from the Schröder-Yeltsin meeting came from the Germans.

"It wasn't us, it was the wish of the Germans," a Russian official told the newspaper.

A Russian television correspondent in Bonn said Yeltsin was informed "by Kohl or someone close to Kohl that it would not be a good idea if cameras were present" when he met Schröder.

Executives at WDR television, which was to provide pool coverage for a dozen news organizations, said an official from the federal press office called on Monday night to say the Tuesday breakfast meeting was off limits to cameras.

Television crews waiting to film the Yeltsin-Schröder meeting were told they would not be allowed into the venue at the Petersberg hotel.

"I find it alienating and want to find out who really cancelled it," said WDR Bonn studio director Martin Schulze.

The Yeltsin-Schröder meeting has refocused attention on the one with Clinton in Berlin last month.

Joachim Trenkner, editor of SFB television in Berlin, said his network planned live coverage of the start of the Clinton-Schröder meeting but saw the plug pulled less than an hour before the broadcast was to go on air.

"It was all agreed to long in advance," he said. "But all of a sudden we were told that the security officers were against it and the broadcast had to be cancelled."

Walter Stuetzle, editor-in-chief of *Der Tagesspiegel* newspaper in Berlin, said it has become obvious that Kohl's government was behind the media blackout for Schröder in both Berlin and Bonn.

"It disturbs me because it is undemocratic, childish and naive for Kohl to think it will help him in the election," Stuetzle said.

"I find it appalling. He is mistaken to think it will help him. It only shows their insecurities." (Reuters)

## Welsh greet EU with old tongue

By GERRARD RAVEN

CARDIFF — "Caerdydd, un o'r Brif Ddinasoedd y Byd." The streets of Wales's capital are bedecked with streamers carrying the boastful slogan, translated as "Cardiff, one of the world's chief cities," as it hosts a European Union summit meeting this week.

They and the bilingual road signs and notices on buildings remind the heads of government of the 15 member states of one of the continent's oldest languages.

Welsh, or Cymraeg to the almost 500,000 native speakers, was being spoken in northern and

western Britain as long ago as the sixth century. It has changed so little in more than a millennium that the poets of those days, Aneurin and Taliesin, can still be readily understood by modern Welsh speakers.

Since the Act of Union with England in 1536, Welsh has been fighting the battle which nowadays confronts countries elsewhere in Europe — trying to preserve their culture and language in the face of the onslaught of English.

But the latest census showed 18.7 percent of the Welsh population speaks the language, and with

the spread of bilingual schools, the proportion of schoolchildren who do so is at last rising again.

EU leaders who care to find out how the henaith (old language) has survived will find a remarkable story of tenacity and luck.

If the Bible had not been translated into Welsh at the end of the 16th century, the language might have gone the way of its sister tongue Cornish and died. Meirion Jones of the Welsh Language Board said.

"Even so, considering we are next to the most vigorous language in the world, it is quite astonishing that Welsh is in as good shape as it is," Jones, the board's head of edu-

cation and training, said.

The heroes who helped Welsh to survive include children in the 19th century who refused to submit to tyrannical school rules forbidding them to speak a word of Welsh.

According to some enthusiasts, they include protesters who painted over thousands of English language road signs in the 1960s and '70s, leading to the British giving the language equal status with English in government administration.

Others praise early Welsh nationalist Sandef's Lewis for convincing the movement that the struggle for the survival of the lan-

guage must take precedence over the fight for independence.

And if an amiable eccentric called Iolo Morgannwg had never lived, Wales might lack the crucial cultural event which annually celebrates and sustains the language — the National Eisteddfod.

Morgannwg invented most of the features of the modern Eisteddfod, which range from a Gorsedd of Bards dressed in long flowing robes, to the custom of planting stone circles at the sites at which the peripatetic event — the largest annual festival in Europe without a permanent home — takes place. (Reuters)

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# Asia entering deep depression — World Bank

By MARK BENDICH

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - The World Bank yesterday said Asia was plunging into depression and called on Japan to help pull the region out of its economic nose-dive.

World Bank senior regional official Jean-Michel Severino said Asia was on the threshold of deep and long depression and warned that a global economic slump could be just months away.

"We are probably at the end of the first cycle of the crisis, and we are entering into a deep recession, or

you could even use the term depression," he told a major trade and investment conference in Australia.

"This depression could be very long-lasting if it is not handled very, very carefully."

He told reporters later the Asian crisis could spread.

"The risk is there and probably we are counting in months rather than years," said Severino, the bank's vice-president for East Asia and the Pacific.

He expressed particular concern about the yen's historic weakness against the US dollar and sounded a

warning to Tokyo that it must play its role as Asia's economic engine.

"One has to have a dynamic Japanese economy. It's absolutely critical," Severino said.

Severino said international central banks were cooperating in defense of the yen, but added the solution to the currency's woes lay in a convincing response to the crisis from Tokyo.

Another conference speaker, Thai Commerce Minister Supachai Panitchpakdi, said a continued free-fall of the yen could spark a second-wave Asian currency melt-

down and global recession.

But Supachai said Japan alone could not protect the yen and called for concerted market action to bolster the currency and relieve competitive pressure on other Asian currencies.

"The Japanese have their own resources, but I don't think intervention by the Japanese government alone at the moment would be effective," he told reporters.

"So I think there does need to be some sort of concerted action, some ways or means of recycling some funds from the rest of the

world back into Asia," he added.

"I am deeply worried and I hope that the next G7-G8 meeting, they will address this problem seriously," he said.

Concerns about another currency crisis in Asia have been heightened by the yen's weakness against the US dollar and by Japan's descent into recession.

Other Asian currencies, including Australia's dollar, have followed the yen down, helping to protect their trade positions as well as putting more strain on domestic economies.

Supachai said the yen's weakness, at about 145 to the US dollar, was already hurting the Thai economy.

"If the yen would drop with no limit or no bottom, then the second Asian crisis would mean a first-world economic depression," he told reporters.

Increasing nervousness on Wall Street about Asia has heightened concerns among economists, some of whom warn that a buoyant US economy is all that now stands between a regional crisis and a full-blown world recession.

Wall Street fell more than 200 points on Monday in response to fears that Asia's downturn would hurt US company profits.

A senior Asian Development Bank official said the bank, too, was concerned about a global recession, but was still optimistic about Asia's economic recovery in the long term and felt China would resist the temptation to devalue the yuan.

"Of course it's a concern, but we are medium-term very optimistic," said Peter Sullivan, bank vice-president.

## Nigeria frees political prisoners

By MATTHEW TOSTEVIN

LAGOS (Reuters) - Nigeria's new military ruler has taken a big step toward restoring international respect for Africa's most populous nation after releasing some key political prisoners, diplomats said yesterday.

They said the releases ordered by Gen. Abdulsalam Abubakar of former military ruler Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo and eight others could be seen as a genuine attempt to break with years of isolation for human rights abuses and lack of democracy.

"It is almost hard to believe that they have done exactly what they needed to do," one Western diplomat told Reuters in Lagos. "It is an opportunity which we should not miss to show them that positive moves will be reciprocated."

Oil-producing Nigeria is under mild international sanctions imposed to force strongman Gen. Sani Abacha, who died suddenly on June 8, to bring political freedoms to the West African country of 104 million. But the measures failed to influence Abacha — who was headed toward August 1 presidential elections as the sole candidate and showed no sign of releasing the scores of dissidents locked up for opposing his regime.

A very large question mark still hangs over the release of Moshood Abiola — Nigeria's most prominent detainee and the presumed winner of unopposed 1993 elections.

Political analysts say that setting free Abiola is much more difficult than the others, since his claim to the presidency could scupper Abubakar's intention of using Abacha's chaotic democracy plan as a template to restore civilian rule.

His release from detention at a house in the capital Abuja, where he has been since 1994, could also exacerbate tensions within the army at a time when Abubakar will have to persuade it to leave power which soldiers have held in Nigeria for all but 10 years since independence from Britain in 1960.

Washington on Monday welcomed the releases, which came the day after US-trained Abubakar spoke to US President Bill Clinton by telephone.

"We view this as a very positive development and applaud the decision by the new Nigerian leadership," White House spokesman PJ Crowley said. "We hope that this is a step that will lead to further releases and will help all Nigerians to work together to support a credible, open transition to civilian, democratic rule."

## Milosevic promises concessions on Kosovo

By PHILIPPA FLETCHER

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic yesterday agreed to meet most demands set by world powers for ending bloodshed in Kosovo, but said he would take troops off the province's streets only when "terrorism" ends.

His promises, contained in a joint statement with President Boris Yeltsin after talks in Moscow, went a long way to meeting conditions set by the six-nation Contact Group on former Yugoslavia for averting NATO military intervention over Kosovo.

But Milosevic did not accept the key demand for an immediate withdrawal of Serbian security forces who have been fighting independence-minded ethnic Albanians, dismissed by Belgrade as "terrorists," in the southern Serbian province.

Even so, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov hailed Milosevic's concessions as a breakthrough after months of fighting in which at least 300 people have been killed.

"We consider this now opens a real possibility to regulate the situation, and the ball is now to a large extent in the Kosovo Albanians' court," Primakov told a news conference.

Yeltsin, who had been asked by frustrated and anxious Western powers to put Russia's traditional ties with Belgrade to good use, also sounded confident.

"I think in principle we reached agreement," the most important thing is that Milosevic agreed to sit at the negotiating table with the

Kosovo Albanians," he said before the end of negotiations.

About 65,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in Kosovo, where 90 percent of the 1.8 million population are Albanian speakers. But Milosevic, in a rare media appearance, said: "There was no kind of ethnic cleansing. From all that was declared by the security forces, there were no civilian victims."

Western governments, on their guard after the Bosnia war of 1992-95, fear the tensions in Kosovo could trigger a wider conflict in the volatile Balkans.

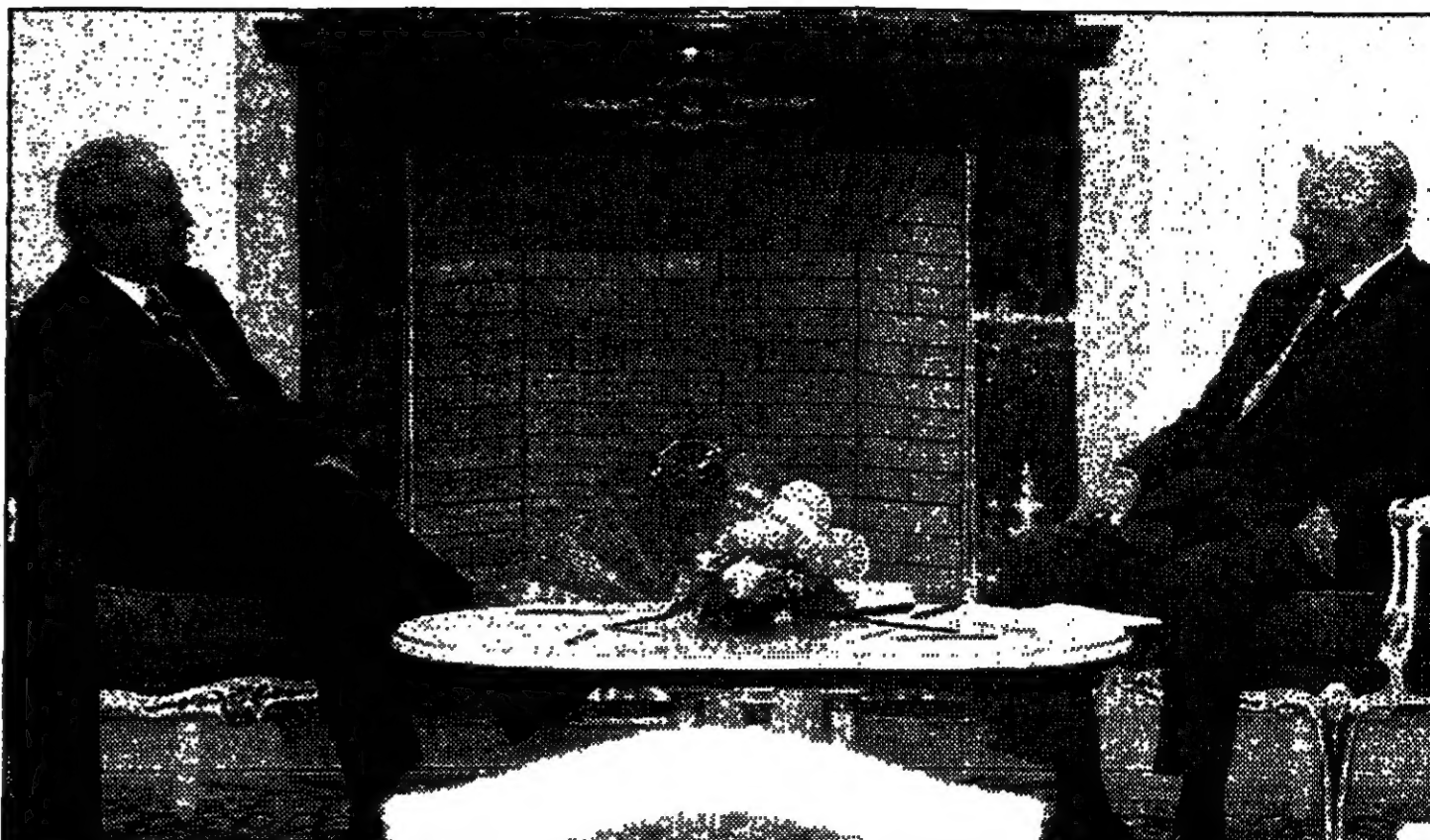
They turned to Russia, which has relatively good ties with the fellow Slavs and Orthodox Christians in Belgrade, as a last resort after clashes erupted close to the borders of Albania and Macedonia, which also has a restive Albanian minority.

NATO also sent Belgrade a clear message that force might be used if diplomacy fails by holding air exercises over the southern Balkans on Monday.

The Contact Group had sought an end to Serbian security forces' action against civilians, the withdrawal of forces, unimpeded access for international monitors and humanitarian organizations and the right of ethnic Albanian refugees to return. It demanded progress in talks with the Kosovo Albanians.

In the joint declaration, Milosevic agreed to several of these demands, agreed last Friday by the Contact Group of Russia, the US, Germany, France, Britain, and Italy.

The declaration said Belgrade would resolve problems in



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (right) and his Yugoslav counterpart Slobodan Milosevic meet in the Kremlin yesterday. A joint statement by the two went a long way to meeting conditions set by the six-nation Contact Group for averting NATO intervention over Kosovo. (AP)

Kosovo by political means, continue negotiations, carry out no repressive actions against civilians, allow freedom of movement, and set no limits on foreign diplomats and international organizations accredited to Yugoslavia.

It promised free access for humanitarian organizations, the right for all refugees and displaced persons to return home, and state help in rebuilding destroyed homes.

Yugoslavia is ready for negotiations with the Organization for

Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on renewing its membership, the declaration said.

"In accordance with the stopping of terrorist activities, the security forces will cut back their presence outside bases," it said.

This failure to withdraw Serbian forces immediately could be a stumbling block, especially as the Kosovo Albanians have been refusing to hold talks with Belgrade until it withdraws its forces.

## Court: Au pair Woodward can go home

By LESLIE GEVIRTZ

BOSTON (Reuters) - Massachusetts' highest court yesterday upheld a reduced sentence of manslaughter against British au pair Louise Woodward in the death of an 8-month-old baby, leaving her free to go home to England.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court said in a 4-to-3 decision that trial judge Hiller Zobel acted in a "lawful" manner in reducing the jury's verdict from second-degree murder to manslaughter and sentencing her to time served — 279 days.

"The conviction of manslaughter, together with the sentence imposed, shall stand," the high court ruled.

The court's decision "is the end of the line," said Paul Marinick, publisher of the trade paper *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. "It's over for this case. There are no further appeals. The prosecution could ask the court to reconsider, but considering the amount of time they put into this one, that would be fruitless."

He added that "it is fairly unusual for the justices of this court to split. Usually the SJC comes out with unanimously decided opinions."

A jury convicted Woodward of second-degree murder last October in the February 1997 death of baby Matthew Eappen, a verdict that shocked supporters of the au pair on both sides of the Atlantic.

But Judge Zobel last November set aside that verdict, which would have condemned Woodward to spend at least 15 years in prison. Instead, he found her guilty of manslaughter and sentenced her to the 279 days time served.

Matthew, the youngest son of Drs. Deborah and Sam Eappen, died of severe head injuries on February 9, 1997, some five days after he was admitted to a Boston hospital.

Prosecutors maintained that Woodward, angry at the Eappens for imposing a curfew, and frustrated by Matthew's crying, violently shook the baby, then slammed his head against a hard surface.

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# Sex scandal overshadows pope's Austria visit

By RICHARD MURPHY

VIENNA — A scandal involving a cardinal branded a sexual molester by his fellow bishops will overshadow Pope John Paul II's third visit to Austria this week.

Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer, now an ailing 78-year-old, has been banished in disgrace to a convent in eastern Germany and forbidden to exercise the functions of his office.

Both senior churchmen and their critics say the Pope must openly address the Groer affair during his three-day visit to Salzburg, St. Poelten and Vienna to enable the Austrian church to put its most damaging scandal behind it.

"If the Pope comes just to preach at us and doesn't listen, then his visit will achieve nothing," says Udo Fischer, a prominent liberal priest who has been waging a very public war with his own arch-conservative bishop in St. Poelten. "But if he uses the visit as an opportunity to admit mistakes and to try to correct them, then it could mark a new beginning."

Helmut Schueller, vicar-general of the archdiocese of Vienna, also expects that Pope John Paul II — who made Groer a bishop and then a cardinal — will not avoid an issue that has rarely been out of the Austrian headlines since 1995.

"I expect the Pope to signal to Catholics in Austria that he is aware of all of these things and that he is not indif-

ferent to them," he told Reuters.

Many of Austria's 6.3 million Catholics — some 77 percent of the population — blame the Pope for failing to act sooner.

Groer was forced to resign as archbishop of Vienna and head of the church in Austria in 1995 following allegations that he sexually abused a schoolboy more than 20 years earlier.

No charges were brought against him because of Austria's statute of limitations. Although several monks and priests alleged they had also been the object of sexual advances from Groer, including during confession, the church rejected calls for a full investigation.

Not until the spring of this year did the authorities act. Four bishops, including the new Archbishop of Vienna Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, issued a statement saying: "We have come to the moral certainty that the allegations made against former archbishop Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer are essentially true."

Groer broke his three-year silence in April with a brief statement which angered many Catholics because it contained no admission of guilt, pleading merely "for forgiveness, if I have brought guilt on myself."

It was left to Schoenborn to issue an unambiguous apology for the deeds of his predecessor. Groer left for a convent near Dresden in May.



Austria's bishops hope that Pope John Paul II will galvanize the flagging spirits of believers in their staunchly Catholic country. (AP)

AGAINST this background, it is not surprising that senior churchmen admit to a little nervousness about how many people will turn out to welcome the Pope. The Polish-born Pontiff arrives in Salzburg on Friday and will celebrate Mass at the city's cathedral before flying

to Vienna in the evening. After meeting President Thomas Klestil and the diplomatic corps on Saturday, he will drive to the city of St. Poelten, an hour northwest of the capital, for an open-air Mass. This could be the focus of any protests

by disgruntled Catholics as the diocesan bishop, Kurt Krenn, is the most conservative Austrian prelate and the only one to offer public support to Groer.

Krenn sacked Fischer as parish priest in February after a long-running public squabble between the two men. Fischer has continued to work as technically he comes under the authority of a local Benedictine abbey.

Fischer does not expect any demonstrations from his supporters during the Pope's visit but thinks many local people will stay away from the Mass.

"I know from many parishes in the area that not many people are going to St. Poelten," he told Reuters.

But numbers are likely to be swollen by an influx of Catholics from the Czech republic, Slovakia and the Pope's native Poland.

The Pope's visit culminates on Sunday with a three-hour open-air Mass in Vienna's Heldenplatz ("Heroes' Square"), at which he will beatify three Austrians, the first step to declaring them saints. Austria's bishops hope the charismatic Pope, who visited the country in 1983 and 1988, will galvanize the flagging spirits of believers and give them renewed self-confidence.

"It will do us good after the painful weeks and months that lie behind us to have a big celebration together," Schoenborn said in a pastoral letter to

Vienna Catholics.

Vicar-general Schueller acknowledges the church was thrown into crisis in 1995 after the Groer affair surfaced and that the authorities handled the case badly.

"Those in responsibility today know that it would certainly have been better to seek to clear up these allegations more quickly," he said.

But he says it is too simplistic to blame all the problems of the church on the Groer affair, noting that the number of people who formally left the church last year was the lowest since 1982.

"As in other western European countries, there are new social phenomena and developments which we are all having to get to grips with — secularization, individualization, changes in people's lifestyles," Schueller said.

Some Catholics want a complete break with the past while others long fearfully for a return to the 1950s, before the second Vatican Council launched a wave of reform.

"The job of the bishops is to find the correct and authentic way between these two extremes," Schueller said.

While Heldenplatz will undoubtedly be packed with believers from Austria and neighboring countries on Sunday, Schueller admits to doubts about how many Viennese will turn out.

"We have a certain negative mood to overcome," he says. (Reuters)

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# Art imitates life at the White House

By ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

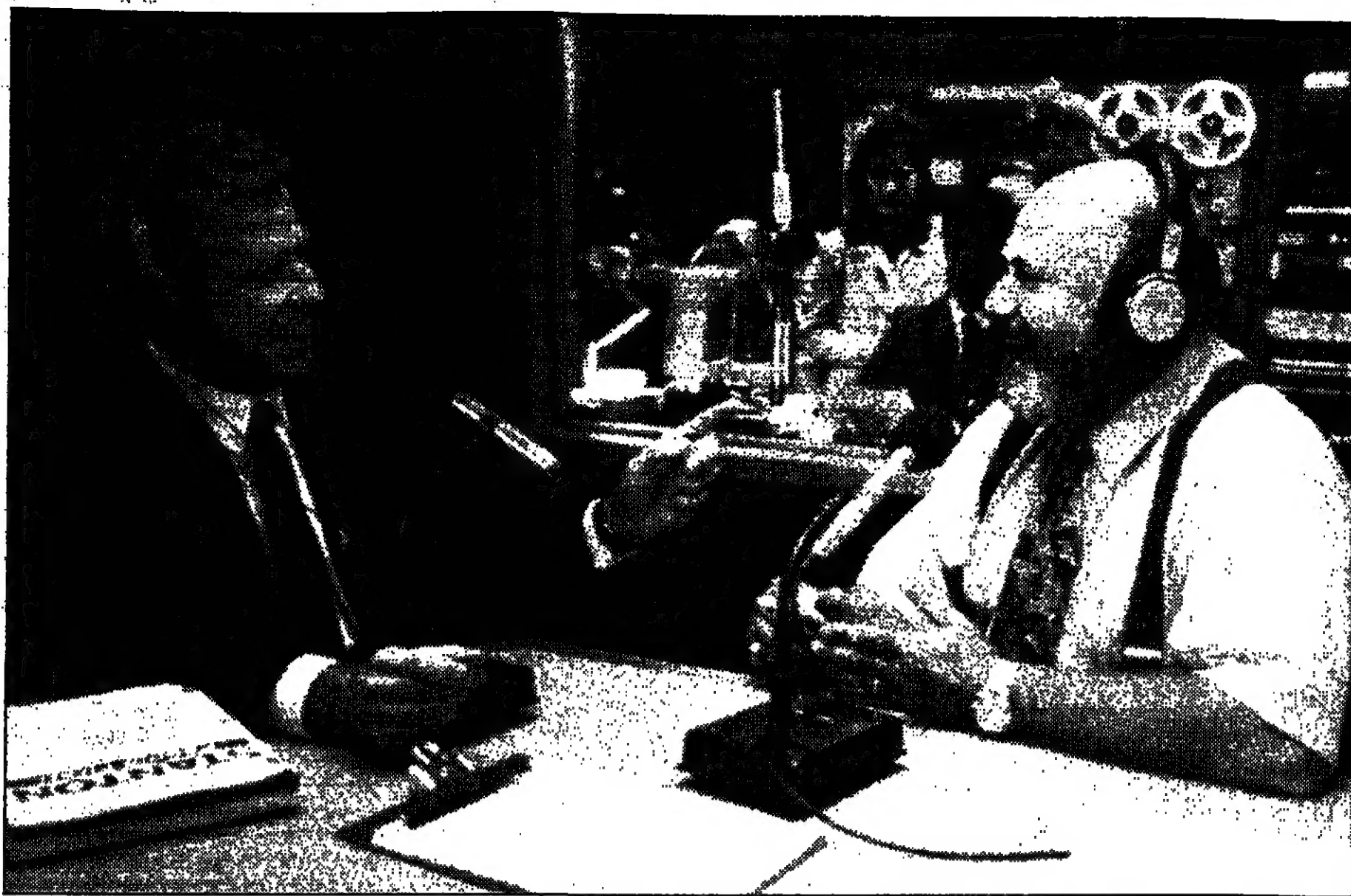
Hollywood is in denial. You see, there is this movie (that has just opened in Israel) about a guy running for president who has a Southern accent, a hoarse voice, graying hair and a pot belly and who inhales doughnuts — with red, white and blue sprinkles — during jogging breaks. It seems he makes a play for anything in skirts and gets smacked right across the kisser by his no-nonsense lawyer wife, who has an accent straight out of Chicago.

In short, the movie seems to be about President and Mrs. Clinton, or rather the pop fiction version of them in *Primary Colors*. The book became a best-seller when it was published a few years ago by a fellow named "Anonymous" which, despite his denials, turned out not to be his real name.

But the director of *Primary Colors* the movie, Mike Nichols, and stars John Travolta and Emma Thompson want you to know one thing: They are shocked, absolutely shocked, that anyone would think the candidate in the film is the current president, especially at a time when he is denying he had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and has been sued for sexual harassment by Paula Jones.

"We weren't doing Clinton, but the Clinton thing... the events are fictional," Nichols said, with all the conviction that Claude Rains mustered in *Casablanca* when he declared he was "shocked, absolutely shocked" that there was gambling going on in Rick's Café, which was just a moment before he was handed his winnings.

Travolta says there are elements of Clinton in his portrayal of Jack Stanton, the governor of a small Southern state not unlike Arkansas, but then there are also elements of Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy. For some reason Travolta made no mention of Chester Arthur or James Polk as



Governor Jack Stanton (John Travolta, left) is interviewed by a radio talk-show host (Rob Reiner in a cameo role) in 'Primary Colors.'

other sources of inspiration.

As for Thompson, the British actress who normally speaks in a proper British accent, this whole conceit that *Primary Colors* is ripped whole from real life is just too horrendous to contemplate. She plays Stanton's long-suffering

wife, who sees his quest for the presidency as a shared goal. Shedding her British stiff upper lip, cool reserve and traditional good manners, Thompson rounded on a reporter who dared to suggest recently that she was playing Hillary Clinton: "I am a bit fed up

with this response. The movie is fiction. It has connections with the Clintons but it is fiction... This movie deserves to be written about seriously."

So this film, based on a book that was a thinly veiled portrait of the 1992 campaign, has nothing to do with the Clintons?

Thompson insisted the film was not, repeat not, an examination of what the Clintons are like in real life, but she admitted, "You couldn't have the film without the Clintons, without the Kennedys, without the media, without any of us."

If we are all guilty of creating the conditions that made the film possible, as Thompson suggests, then why were the producers of the film so worried when the Lewinsky scandal broke? Maybe it was because they could not figure out whether it would be good for business or bad — really bad.

The film scored well among audiences in test previews. And critics are already raving about the performances by Travolta, who has mastered the Clinton walk and talk, Thompson, Kathy Bates as a political fixer, Larry Hagman as Dallas fame as a Paul Tsongas-like political opponent, Billy Bob Thornton as a James Carville-like political strategist, and Adrian Lester as a George Stephanopoulos-like aide.

Stephanopoulos is a Greek American but in the movie, as in the book, he is the grandson of a

black civil rights leader.

So if the test audiences are right, the movie should be a hit.

But Nichols admitted some worries about the spillover of real-life scandal on his film. "Of course we were concerned, but as a citizen first. Life moves along with us in a way we do not expect. My best hope is that people will enjoy the film as an entertainment."

And they probably will, relishing such lines as when one character tells Stanton after a womanizing scandal break: "I wish we'd castrated you when we had the chance."

They will also enjoy the line in which the Carville-like character says of his candidate's flaws: "It's gonna be the war thing, the drug thing and the woman thing. And the last one is going to be a killer." But remember if you see the film, it is not about the Clintons but about American politics, life, marriage, fidelity, infidelity, and, above all, doughnuts with red, white and blue sprinkles. (Reuters)

Adina Hoffman's review of 'Primary Colors' will appear in Friday's Time Out.

## Director Mike Nichols: Forever a refugee

By DAVID BROWNE

Director Mike Nichols, who has just turned 70, is a man who has lived a life of constant movement. He was born in the Bronx, New York, and grew up in a family of immigrants. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania and then at the New York University. He has worked in the theater, film, and television. He has directed some of the most famous films of the 20th century, including *The Graduate*, *Catch-22*, *Carnal Knowledge*, *Working Girl*, and *The Edge*.

Nichols has a unique style. He is known for his ability to create a sense of humor and to make his characters feel like real people. He has a great sense of timing and a great eye for detail. He has a great sense of humor and a great eye for detail. He has a great sense of humor and a great eye for detail.

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Horne's recording is a correct rendition that leaves one wanting more, despite Bernstein's success in drawing inspiring and evocative colors from the orchestra. (Sony, The Royal Edition, mid price, SMK 47604 with *Daphnis et Chloé*).

Janet Baker, however, is totally different from Horne in her approach to *Sheherazade*.

Baker's mezzo is much warmer and more expressive. She brings the missing aura of mysticism to her performance and as a storyteller-draws the listener very close to her. Sir John Barbirolli leads the New Philharmonia Orchestra with élan, yet the overall sound is less French than Bernstein's rendition.

Altogether this is a very humane and evocative rendition (1967) which is soothing and perplexing at the same time. (EMI Forte, two discs for the price of one, songs by Ravel, Chausson, Duparc, Brahms and Schumann 5 68667 2).

Soprano Margaret Price's performance of *Sheherazade* gives the piece a totally different sound, since it is usually only sung by a mezzo.

Price's rendition with Claudio Abbado and the London Symphony Orchestra is a refreshing change yet not always entirely ful-



Leonard Bernstein

filling.

This 1989 recording is exciting mainly because of Abbado's orchestra. Price sings in a most captivating manner, yet it seems that the warmth and depth of the mezzo voice is lacking and thus the overall result is somewhat disappointing. (Deutsche Grammophon Klassikon, budget price, 439 414-2, with Ravel's *Bohème*, *Tzigane* and *Le Tombeau de Couperin*).

In many ways Teresa Berganza's recording with Michel Plasseon and the Orchestre du Capitole de Toulouse in 1981 is the most rewarding rendition of *Sheherazade*.

Berganza adds a special exotic touch to the performance, one that is lacking in the other singers' performance. Berganza's rendition is much more expressive, poetic and narrative, although at times it seems a bit exaggerated. (EMI, Ravel Melodies, various artists, two discs for the price of one 5 69299 2).

Each of the four recordings is neither complete nor flawless but each has its own charm. However, if you must choose only one, your best bet is either Berganza or Baker.

## Hollywood's most coveted credit

By ROBERT W. WELKOS

The credit might read "A Steven Spielberg Film," "An Oliver Stone Movie" or "A Martin Scorsese Picture." Spike Lee has his own unique spin: "A Spike Lee Joint." Even lesser-known directors fresh out of film school or plucked from the ranks of TV commercials have been known to take one when making their first feature-length films.

It's called a possessory credit, and many directors are given one in addition to their basic "Directed by" credit. Possessory credits almost always appear at the start of the film.

Today, the possessory credit — also called "A film by" credit — is at the heart of a raging debate among Hollywood screenwriters and directors. Many writers would like to see the possessory credit curbed, if not abolished. Many directors argue that anyone — writers included — should have the freedom to negotiate for extra credits.

Caught in the middle are the studios that ultimately decide who gets the coveted credit. The debate underscores tensions between directors and screenwriters for control, power and prestige in the filmmaking process. And it has strained relations between the two guilds that represent Hollywood directors and writers.

Officials at the Directors Guild of America, for example, were outraged last year when the Writers Guild magazine quoted a screenwriter calling a former DGA president an "explosive coward" when the official failed to appear at a public forum where the writer hoped to debate him over the possessory credit issue.

Denistively calling them "vanity" credits, a number of established screenwriters are now refusing to take the possessory credit when they cross over to direct. "As a writer-director, I've taken that credit in the past — I'm not going to take it anymore," said Phil Alden

Robinson, who wrote and directed such films as *Field of Dreams* and *Sneakers*. He contends the credit "dishonors all the other people who have worked on the film."

Why are writers so irritated with the possessory credit? "It demeans the credit of directors, especially in view of the fact that it has been given in recent years to people just out of film school," said writer-director Frank Pierson, a former Writers Guild president.

Screenwriter Naomi Foner (*Lost in Space*) contends that filmmaking is a collaborative process and the possessory credit implies that the director is the sole author of a film.

"It undermines the work a writer does and the work everybody else on a film does," Foner said. "It's a very unfortunate use of words."

But directors are firing back. John Frankenheimer, whose long and illustrious directing career includes such films as *The Manchurian Candidate* and *Birdman of Alcatraz*, said if studios ever bow to demands by a "militant" faction within the Writers Guild to abolish the possessory credit, he and other directors will simply refuse to direct their movies. "That is a make-or-

break issue for me in a contract," Frankenheimer said. "I want (the possessory credit) because I'm the first one there and the last one to leave. I'm the guy who is responsible for the movie."

Frankenheimer, who said he has used "A John Frankenheimer Film" on about 30 movies, added: "I'm the point man out there. If the film is going to get knocked (by critics), they are going to knock me. I'm the person who's going to get it. Conversely, if it's good, they're going to say that too. Since I'm the point man out there, why not accept it?"

PIERSON said the proliferation of possessory credits occurred after the studios, led by former MCA chief Lew Wasserman, received waivers from the Writers Guild so that the names of a few high-profile directors like Alfred Hitchcock could be used in advertising. "That set up a free-market where everybody could negotiate for whatever they wanted," Pierson said.

Although few dispute that high-profile filmmakers like Spielberg, Stone, Scorsese and Lee deserve a possessory credit on their films based on their body of work, they

are concerned with the wording of the credit. "I don't think writers would object to a prominent director getting two credits, if it was 'A film directed by so-and-so' and not 'A so-and-so film,'" WGA president Petrie said. "It's the implication... that that credit implies an exclusive authorship to a film that is clearly in our mind. This is a collaborative effort." (LA Times)

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## The parking problem

Just when it seemed the bizarre idea of a jubilee amnesty has been mostly shunted aside, the High Court has come up with its own form of questionable justice: a three-year statute of limitation on parking tickets. The court ruled against the City of Tel Aviv, which was demanding that Yitzhak Sachi pay NIS 32,940 in parking tickets levied between 1989 and 1996.

The dispute between Sachi and Tel Aviv was over whether parking fines fell under a three- or 10-year statute of limitations. In ruling for the shorter period, the court took the opportunity to strongly criticize the city for doing nothing to enforce the fines over a period of years, leading to their lapse in effect.

The unfortunate impression given by this ruling, handed down by a 4-3 vote, is that playing by the rules does not pay. Whoever simply ignored their tickets for three years will not have to pay the old tickets, and some people may even sue to get refunds. Meanwhile, the good citizen who paid on time, or took the trouble not to park illegally, feels there is no justice.

The other obvious effect will be that the already highly-developed Israeli propensity for ignoring parking regulations will reach new heights. Whatever small deterrent the parking tickets represented, it has now been rendered even more ineffective. The result will be more congestion, more traffic, and maybe even a greater shortage of parking in city centers.

The court, however, cannot be blamed for the shortage of parking that led outgoing Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo to drop drastic enforcement measures, such as booting cars, altogether, and easing up on parking enforcement generally. Now a Labor candidate for Milo's job, Ron Huldai, is riding this sort of populism even further by pledging free parking for all Tel Aviv residents, anywhere in Tel Aviv.

This sort of proposal may buy a few votes, but it certainly does not address urban parking problems, or the wider problem of traffic in and around the cities. Israel is a small, increasingly densely populated country, and there is no getting around comprehensive solutions to the

problem of traffic congestion.

New highways, such as Jerusalem's long-awaited Route 4 which opens today, are one part of the picture. The new road will, at least initially, greatly ease up the standard snarl at the main entrance to the city with a pair of tunnels for through traffic. The Trans-Israel Highway will ease the burden on existing roads and allow some north-south traffic to bypass Tel Aviv.

Road infrastructure, though running badly behind growing needs, is at least progressing. Mass transit, however, despite much talk and government decisions, does not seem to be moving much at all. Israel cannot afford to put off the issue any longer.

The longer we wait, the more land-use patterns will be determined by the almost completely car-dominated transportation infrastructure, and the more expensive it will be to belatedly share the burden with mass transit. Los Angeles, for example, is now considering spending a staggering \$300 billion to build a subway system, now that the city is already dependent on a sprawling system of freeways. By contrast, estimates for the cost of a Tel Aviv subway range from \$7 billion to \$10 billion. One point is inescapable — decisions must be made now, on the basis of national transportation planning.

In addition, it is time to seriously discuss more creative measures to address urban traffic and parking woes, such as "congestion pricing." A number of cities in the US and Europe are now experimenting with tolls specifically designed to reduce congestion at peak periods and in city centers. The funds earned can then be "returned" to the consumer through investments in mass transit.

In August 1997, a cabinet decision actually mandated the study of congestion pricing as part of a package to address the traffic problem.

Since then, little has been heard regarding any serious consideration of this idea. Politically, the idea of charging for entrance into cities may not be a popular one, and it must not be done without providing mass transit so that there is a workable alternative to simply paying the new fees and suffering in traffic.

## False messiahs

DAVID NEWMAN

There is a joke going around New York as follows: The local police force have put extra guards around the grave of the Lubavitch rebbe.

The reason? There were threats to kill him. Switch scenes: A wedding to which I was invited last week in Israel. The groom is a member of the Habad movement. Under the

Even after Shabbtai Zvi's death, there were many of his followers who initially refused to accept he was just one big fraud and, for a short time, there grew up a Shabbatean movement until it eventually disintegrated in the following century.

Another joke, or perhaps myth, concerns Rabbi Eliezer Schach, the leader of the non-hassidic haredi

**What is it about the Habad movement that makes us ignore their deviation from basic Jewish beliefs?**

wedding canopy, a tape of the Lubavitch rebbe blessing a bride and groom is played as though he was partaking in the ceremony.

After the *huppa*, many of the guests dance around the bride and groom while holding posters and pictures of the rebbe, claiming him to be the messiah.

Driving around Israel, one is still struck by the large number of pictures of this deceased religious guru. The fact that he has been dead for four years, that he has not miraculously come back to life, has done little to dampen the fervor of the pro-messianists among the Habad supporters.

Many of them still refuse to talk of him in the past tense, as though this would be akin to admitting that this man is no longer, that he was no more flesh and bones than every other mortal.

There has been little with which to compare the idol worship of a false messiah displayed by Habad today since Shabbtai Zvi in the 17th century. But, while Shabbtai Zvi declared himself a messiah for little more than a year before finally converting to Islam, the Habad promotion of its dead leader as messiah went on for well over a decade prior to his death — and for many it is still as much a reality as it ever was in the past.

Jews. When asked to name the religion closest to Judaism, he was reported as having stated: "Habad."

HABAD is an enigma within Jewish life today. On the one hand, its members are the Jewish missionaries who will go anywhere and everywhere, however isolated and however lacking in Jewish community life, in order to bring Jews back into the fold. Unlike most haredim, they have been prepared to partially come out of their self-imposed residential ghettos, to reach out and bring Jewish ritual to those communities which lack any form of organized community life.

True, these outreach programs are part of a missionary program for they see the return of Jews to their Orthodox heritage as part of their messianic theology — the messiah will only eventually appear when larger number of Jews observe the religious precepts as interpreted and practiced in the Orthodox tradition.

In their world outlook, all their work is part of a plan, a plan set to reveal the messiah. If a huge banner of their dead leader above the Ayalon Highway in Tel Aviv does anything to bring that day closer, then so do they. The rebbe is, after all, the "best candidate" for the post, or so their followers would argue.

## The general and the premier

MOSHE ZAK

There are many conflicting versions of the comments exchanged by the prime minister and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak at the last cabinet meeting. Did the Shahak want to report on the Palestinians' position in the negotiations? Or on the international conference initiated by the French and the Egyptians? Only he himself can solve the mystery, and he won't do that while he's still in uniform. Nor is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in any hurry to reveal the reasons for his comment.

So the debate on the "incident" is being carried out by remote control through anonymous sources in the government and the general staff.

A more serious incident, that happened at a cabinet meeting 31 years ago, in the waiting period before the Six Day War, also hasn't yet been fully revealed: What did then-major-general Ezer Weizman really say to the ministers, and when did he throw down his epaulettes to protest the delay in the government's decision to approve a preemptive strike?

As a matter of fact, those tense cabinet meetings in May 1967, and the fierce disputes between ministers and senior officers, caused a constitutional upheaval whose results are still affecting us today: The cabinet is no longer an exclusive forum of ministers, as it was in Ben-Gurion's day, but a meeting place for ministers, deputy ministers, senior civil servants, advisers, high-ranking officers, and the heads of the Mossad and the General Security Service.

As the circle of participants in cabinet meetings widens, the amount of

**The chief of general staff should stop politicians from meddling in any exchange of remarks between himself and the prime minister**

who did so on their behalf. They were not participants at the meetings, but only said what they had to say, and then left the room.

A distance was maintained between ministers and professional civil servants. In 1967 everything changed. The continual presence of senior IDF officers at cabinet meetings turned them into a lever pressing for a quick preemptive strike against prospective aggressors.

In 1967, the army urged the prime minister to take preventive steps against Arab warmongering, while in 1998, the senior officers are advising a withdrawal from some territories occupied in 1967 to avoid a military confrontation.

The current situation, like that of 31 years ago, is located in the gray area between the political opinions of the senior officers and their professional military advice.

the sole province of the government. He ordered Gazit to withdraw the documents and destroy all copies.

At the time, Gazit was angry at Begin for not summoning senior IDF officers for diplomatic consultations before Sadat's visit, or before Camp David but, in hindsight, he admits that Begin was right. He didn't want to tie his hands by making any decision before Sadat's visit or before negotiations with him.

Begin wasn't dismissive of the IDF's professional recommendations. At meetings on the future of the territories after the Six Day War, he repeatedly urged army officers to express their opinion on the borders essential for the country's security. But he was opposed to the army's becoming involved in diplomatic decisions. Yitzhak Rabin, a former CGS,

didn't hesitate to reject the CGS' recommendation on withdrawal from the Mitla Pass in the interim agreement with Sadat in 1975.

Golda Meir explained after the Yom Kippur War that she relied on the generals' advice that there was no prospect of war, even though she herself had told them of information from a reliable source on the Syrian army's preparations for hostilities.

Yitzhak Shamir didn't accept the opinion of senior officers calling for retaliation against Iraq after Scud missiles were fired on Israel. Shimon Peres didn't consult army officers before initiating the Oslo Agreement. Ehud Barak revealed this week that he submitted to Rabin the IDF's reservations on the Oslo Agreement.

There is no law on the relationship between the CGS and the prime minister. But a dispute in the Knesset over whether or not Netanyahu's comment to Shahak was disrespectful is liable, in the final analysis, to involve the IDF in the murky-burly of politics. The IDF must avoid this like the plague.

If, as a result of this incident, the cabinet conducts an exhaustive discussion on the form of its meetings, which was disrupted by the crisis before the Six Day War, there will be no need for a kitchen cabinet. Instead, decisions will be taken in a restricted forum of ministers, which is what should happen in a democracy.

With all due respect to advisers and experts, the authority to make decisions, and with it the authority to discuss and elaborate, belongs solely to the cabinet, as before the upheaval of 1967.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CAPITAL HI-TECH EDUCATION

Sir, — Over the years The Jerusalem Post has been a reliable reporter of progress in education and the developing hi-tech industry in and around Jerusalem.

In the field of hi-tech and engineering education, the Jerusalem College of Technology-Machon Lev has not only been a pioneer of 29 years standing, but also a major force in inspiring its faculty and graduates to establish what is by now an impressive number of 34 hi-tech companies in and around Jerusalem.

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Ministry and others.

This week, over 110 students received their bachelor's degrees at the Jerusalem College of Technology-Machon Lev's 25th commencement exercises. We are the only accredited academic engineering school in Jerusalem, which also stands at the forefront of absorption of students of Russian and Ethiopian origin.

It is therefore surprising that your report "HU to open engineering school" (June 10) talked of the Hebrew University opening "the first academic general engineering school in Jerusalem."

**PROF. JOSEPH S. BODEN-HEIMER**  
 President,  
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### THE THIRD WAY

Sir, — Recently I heard Internal Security minister Avigdor Kahalani on Army Radio, proclaiming yet again that the cabinet would finally give the green light for the next stage of the military redeployment in the West Bank (the famous 13 percent).

Accompanying this confident prediction was the time-worn hackneyed declaration that the Third Way Party would reconsider its position within the ruling coalition if the long overdue redeployment is not finally implemented.

The incumbent prime minister does not appear to be particularly perturbed by this threat, a position that is quite understandable bearing in mind the fact that Third Way's mastery of procrastination is common knowledge.

The English satirical magazine *Private Eye* recently featured an extremely sardonic editorial on the subject of so called "third way" politics and the following excerpt from the editorial speaks for itself: "The third way isn't just some midsy-mid compromise neither one thing or the other. Nor is it some half-way house, a fudge between two difficult choices."

"In the old traditional way of looking at things, there were only two paths in life. One was the steep and stony path leading up to righteousness. The other was the broad and easy path going down to hell as it used to be called. But we now can see that there is a third alternative, one that gets the best of both worlds."

"The point about the third way is that it is steep but not too steep, broad but not too broad; one that neither goes up nor down but runs level in a sensible modern way."

In an era when political integrity seems to be in short supply, the spectacle of upstanding politicians making perpetual fools out of themselves can only be described as lamentable.

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### WRONG CONCLUSION

Sir, — Efraim Inbar may be right in "Partitioning wisely" (June 1), that it is impractical to maintain Israeli sovereignty over certain isolated settlements surrounded by Arab population.

But I don't agree with his conclusion that such settlements have to be evacuated. Jews should be

able to live safely under Arab sovereignty, exactly like Arabs live now under Israeli sovereignty.

If this is impossible, then we are not contemplating real peace.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On June 17, 1948, The Palestine Post announced that a serious breach of the cease-fire was averted after Israel protested to the UN that the British Army attempted to hand over to the Arabs two military camps at Tira, near

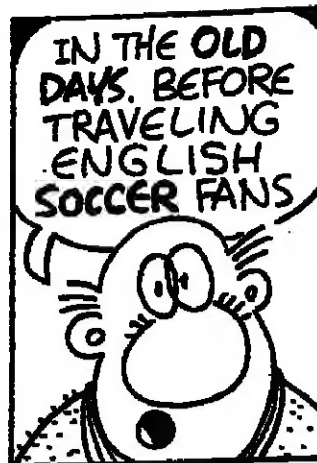
Haifa. These camps, in an area under Jewish administration, had been sold by the British to the Jews.

25 years ago: On June 17, 1973, The Jerusalem Post reported attempts to break the impasse which had developed between the

6,000 striking dockers and their employers, as well as the Broadcasting Authority strike that had shut down Israeli radio and TV for the sixth consecutive day.

**Alexander Zivelti**

## Dry Bones



But their black coats, their missionary smiles, their outward observance of every minor precept cannot hide one fact: The Habad belief in their false messiah is far more removed and distant from any theological interpretation of Judaism than those expressed by Reform and Conservative Judaism, movements which they so desire to denigrate and exclude.

Habad practice is not just a deviation in ritual or worship, it is a basic departure from the essential theological foundations of Judaism. The hidden language of a leader reincarnate, just awaiting the right time to reveal himself, is as close to basic Christian theology as there has ever been during the past 2,000 years.

We await, with bated breath, to see what message Habad will convey at the millennium, when the

entire Christian world celebrates the birth of its own religion and the coming of its own messiah.

How long can it be until its own followers, let alone its political supporters who are not members of the movement itself, decide that enough is enough and that they should be recognized for what they are — an alternative brand of Judaism, a messianic movement, no nearer or no further from Jewish tradition than many other alternative forms of Judaism?

How long can it be before it is removed from the public sphere, allowed to operate as any other movement, without preferred status or access to public and military institutions?

How long will it be before the myth of Habad and its messiah is buried with the person himself?

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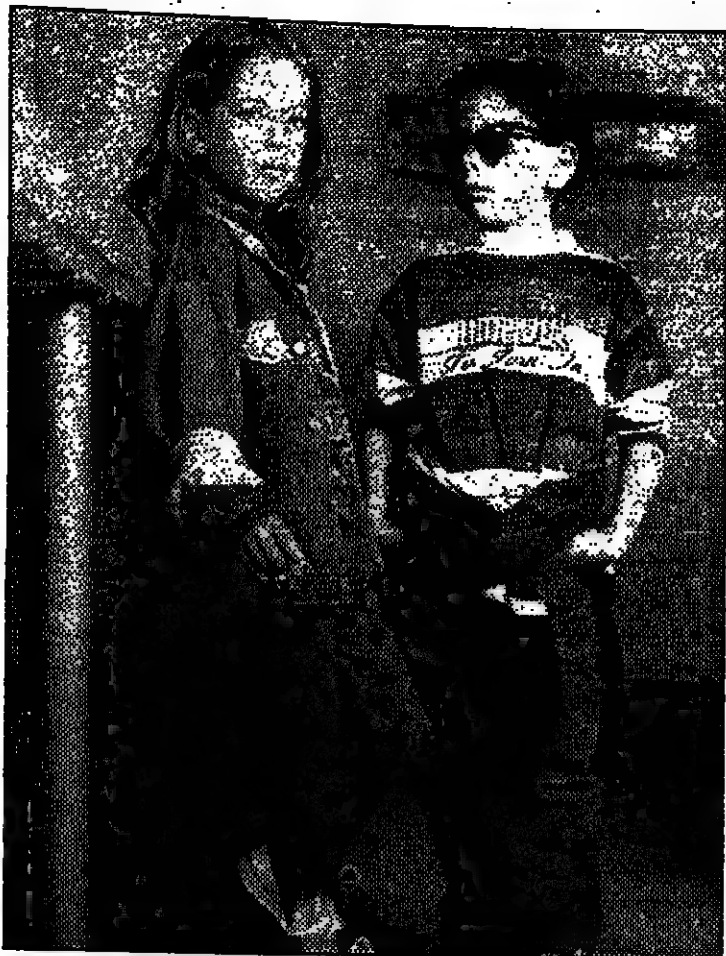
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Cool kids: Television breeds the 'I want' mentality. (Menachem Oso)

## The new religion: Consumerism

By MARY JO KUCHAKIAN

Last month, I went into a Gap Kids, thought, "That's really cute," and bought a bagful of things.

Last week, going past a Gap Kids, I thought to myself: "Don't be a dupe."

This is from having read Juliet B. Schor's *The Overspent American* (Basic Books, \$25).

Schor, an economist at Harvard University and mother of two little kids, is a changed person after writing the book, in which she analyzes the national spending addiction.

The "new consumerism" is what's brought us to the point where, for many, in the middle class, "a mere car now carries a slightly downscale image, as people shift to sport utility vehicles," she writes. The package often includes "fancy computer equipment, 'professional-quality' everything," and, ultimately, an oversize house ("McMansion") in which to put all the stuff.

Consumerism, Schor says, is "the national religion." She argues that at work and through the media, the middle class is constantly exposed to people who are much better off financially, adopting their clothes, vehicles, watches and so on as the standard of a good life.

Schor discloses that she herself is part of a peer group of women who, after dining in a restaurant, pull out \$20 lipsticks; that she has "a classic brand attachment" to Evian water, and that she still spends too much on clothes.

Well, the \$20 lipstick was ditched — she felt too foolish to keep that up — and she's cut way back on spending. Gone are restaurant meals and frequent pleasure getaways.

"I'm much more reluctant to shell out money," she now says.

When the family moved into a 1920s house in Newton, Mass., friends assumed they would redo the kitchen. They're not. Schor's husband, an economist, recently got a new job teaching at Boston

College. They wanted to celebrate. Schor had always wanted a Caribbean vacation and watched the travel ads. They got a modest rental on Cape Cod for two weeks, Schor says, to which they can drive. Presumably that would be in Schor's 1989 Acura, bought used. Hers is a one-car family.

"My kids are not allowed any TV," Schor says. Because they don't see ads, "they really haven't been caught up in that 'I want' mentality. Watching television is costly," Schor found in her research. She studied a group of middle-

and upper-middle-class, full-time workers in a corporation, median income between \$60,000 and \$75,000 a year. "The more TV a person watches, the more he or she spends," Schor writes. Each additional hour of television watched per week cuts a person's annual

savings by \$208. Schor's research indicates that the more education a person has, the less he or she saves. Also, "More education leads to more shopping, particularly for women. Women with graduate degrees spend more time shopping than individuals in any other category. (Women with college degrees are a close second.)"

People with more education are apparently more status-oriented, Schor writes. But even if you've got the money to support big spending, it's bad for the republic, she says. Working takes time away from kids and from community work. It makes people stingy: Taxes are a drain on personal spending. It also creates an impossible standard for people without money.

"When the children of affluent suburban and impoverished inner-city households both want the same Tommy Hilfiger logo emblazoned on their chests and the top-of-the-line Swoosh on their feet, it's a potential disaster," Schor writes. Frequently overlooked in this issue is that "spending less makes one feel better, not worse," Schor says. "It's liberating."

(The Hartford Courant)



By Ruth Mason

As any parent who has lived through the "terrible twos" knows, crying is a big part of a two-year-old's life.

A friend recently kept a log of her son's crying behavior. In the course of a typical day, Daniel cried because:

8:05 a.m. — A rubber band with which he had been playing snapped against his hand.

9:25 a.m. — He banged his bare foot into a kitchen chair.

11:50 a.m. — His mother had to take him away from a sink full of bubbles and plastic dishes where he had been busily playing.

3:30 — His older brother put away a toy car Daniel threw at him.

4:14 — Daniel removed the straw from his big brother's soda can. In retaliation, big brother knocked over Daniel's soda can, spilling the contents.

5:40 — Mom left the house to drive a friend home.

Daniel cried six times in the course of a normal day. That's a lot less crying than he did when he was three months old, and a lot more than his brother, who is seven, does.

JODI HILL, a psychologist, mother of two and founding partner of Parenting Resource Associates in Lexington Massachusetts, believes that parents can cope better with all the crying two-year-olds do if they understand what causes it.

Some people say it simply results from the children "not getting their own way." But that's not so helpful to either parents or children, Hill says. "It has an edge, and doesn't allow parents to really



A kiss and a hug shows Mom understands how frustrating it can be when you're only two. (Debbi Cooper)

empathize with their child."

Hill reiterates that crying is a normal part of a two-year-old's development, explaining that it is mostly triggered by losing an image.

"Say your two-year-old comes into the kitchen wanting another cookie, but you feel she's had enough. She's got a picture in her mind of herself eating that cookie. When she doesn't get the cookie, she has to part with the image."

Being able to see that deprivation from the two-year-old's point of view gives parents an idea of what their child is going through, Hill says.

It's hard for them to remember that children live very much in the

moment and lack an adult's ability to understand.

"A two-year-old won't be able to reason about the cookies," Hill says. "She had one cookie; it tasted good; she wants more."

"The reality is that you can't have as many cookies as you want. But it's one thing to tell a child: 'You can't have another cookie; it'll make you sick,' quite another to empathize with the feeling of loss and say, 'I know you really want another cookie. But you can't because too many cookies make you sick. I know it makes you sad.'"

If the child persists in demanding the cookie, Hill advises a parent to

introduce some distraction. And if the crying turns into a full-blown tantrum, she suggests sending the child to his or her room to recover.

Of course, like children of any age, two-year-olds cry when they are hurt, tired, hungry, afraid or sick. But Hill's explanation covers most other crying episodes.

In the day logged above, Daniel cried twice because he was physically hurt; once because he had to stop doing something enjoyable (he lost the image of himself playing for as long as he wanted to at the sink); twice because his brother did things to upset him (in one incident, he lost the image of himself with his toy car — in the other,

enjoying a full can of soda; and once when his mother left home (he lost the image of his Mom being close by.)

Hill notes that she spends most of her professional life getting parents to empathize more with their children. Viewing their tears in an understanding way allows parents to remain firm in the limits they set while leaving room to show they understand what their children are going through.

(Parenting Resource Associates can be found at Cushman Place, Suite 13, 76 Bedford Street, Lexington, MA 02173; tel. 617-862-4446).

## Nannies aren't necessarily tops

By LYNN SMITH

As a working mother who chose group day care for her kids, Luann Cadby has known the arched eyebrow of disapproval. "They say, 'I can't believe you'd put your kid in day care and not have somebody come and live in your home,'" the Long Beach, Calif., saleswoman said.

But after trying one nanny who was unreliable and a small family day-care center whose operators didn't notice when her toddler left the house and walked home, Cadby placed her 2-year-old son, Mitchell, in the Montessori school his 7-year-old sister, Addison, attended.

Cadby believes her son will be better off there. "I want my child to learn enough to be advanced when he gets to kindergarten. When they're at home, they just play with toys and are in front of the TV," Cadby said. "And I like my child to be around other children. I find that kids who stay at home with a nanny are not as outgoing as kids in day care."

Recent findings from a national child-care survey confirm Cadby's observation that day care is not only OK, but actually better for children than nanny care or small family day care. According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's ongoing study of early child care, children in groups of three or more, particularly in high-quality centers, score higher than other children on language and cognitive tests and are also better behaved.

"If you're in a setting with more kids, you have to have more rules to keep the kids managed, so the kids learn to go along with the rules," said Alison Clarke-Stewart, a University of California, Irvine, professor and a principle investigator of the study, which is following children from birth in



A US survey suggests that a setting where there are more kids might actually be better for them than nanny or small family day care. (G. Rozanski)

1,300 families nationwide. "Nannies are usually housekeepers. They're not mini-teachers. They may do wonderful things for the children's emotional well being, but their main goal is not teaching skills that you would use when you go to school. Nor is it teaching kids rules about being compliant and cooperative," she said.

For years, the McMartin Preschool controversy over children's safety and studies associating center-based care with more aggressive behaviors have invoked fear in many working parents. As a result, they have sought out nannies or small family day-care homes to care for their children. Now, largely result-

ing from high-profile cases, many parents are more afraid of nannies than of centers. Cadby said that many of her friends have hidden cameras in their homes to make sure the nannies are not misbehaving.

The continuing national study is the largest so far to measure the effects of child care on children. The children are tested at ages 6 months, 15 months, 2 years and 3 years at home and in child-care settings. At ages 2 and 3, children in groups of three or more were more compliant and scored lower on a checklist of problem behaviors such as temper tantrums, than children cared for alone or with one other child. By age 3, kids cared for

in centers also knew their numbers and colors better — even better than children who stayed at home with their mothers.

"For parents agonizing over child-care choices," Clarke-Stewart said, "the emerging pattern means that you don't have to be unduly worried that you're putting your children at risk by putting them in child care. They're not so different from those at home with Mom. On the other hand," she said, "the children exposed to others in day-care centers pay a price by catching more colds and ear infections. Most important," she added, "the impact of child care overall in a child's development pales in comparison to socioeconomic factors such as the parents' income and parenting skills."

Currently, 98 percent of US children experience some form of day care. Of an estimated 13 million children under age 5 in day care, 30 percent are in centers, 30 percent are in child-care homes, 12 percent are with nannies, 11 percent are with grandparents and 15 percent are with fathers.

The results of the study so far lend support for both sides in the family-values debate. Child-care advocates say the study illuminates the need for government support for more and better child care. Critics say it means government should help more parents stay home with young children. "It's pro-family in that the family has just as much influence on kids whether they're in child care or not. It supports the agenda of women working, in that if you find adequate care, your kids won't be damaged," Clarke-Stewart said.

After his fourth day, Cadby said that her son, Mitchell, seems to have adjusted to the center. Already, he's stopped crying when she leaves. "Now," she said, "if we can only get him to stop saying 'Shut up,' we'll be OK."

(Los Angeles Times)

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## Gardener's



By Batsheva Mink  
and David Brauner

**W**hy bother to grow flowers that only last one day? A good question. It is true that day lilies only flower for a day, but there is a never-ending succession of their blossoms throughout the summer months.

Sadly, one of the reasons that these altogether charming funnel-shaped flowering plants are less popular than they ought to be is partly due to their common name: day lily. But don't be put off by that. Day lilies are true perennials which come up year after year.

These beauties are easy to grow and propagate with minimum care. They are a good choice for gardeners who do not have the time or patience to spend with their plants. They begin to bloom in the early summer, and although individual flowers last only a day, many others take their place in one long succession over a period of up to four months.

In their native Japan, Korea and China, where they have been cultivated for thousands of years, these plants are appreciated for their culinary and medicinal properties, as well as for their ornamental value. The Chinese enjoy eating the unopened buds and consider them a delicacy.

Day lilies are officially (also in Hebrew) called *Hemerocallis* from the Greek *hemera* for "day," and *kallos* for "beauty." The botanical name "beautiful for a day" also reflects the fact that the flowers open and remain fresh for only a single day.

The day lily is a member of the lily family (Liliaceae). Unlike true lilies, however, this genus does not have a bulb but rather thick fleshy roots and is increased by division. It has strap-like leaves about 45cm. long. The classic lemon yellow flowers are bell- or funnel-form and are borne in clusters of as few as two and as many as 40.

Originally, there were only about 15 natural species, most of them lemon or apricot in color. The yellow one, *Hemerocallis flava*, is also the parent of many of the modern hybrids. The *H. flava* usually carries the sweet perfume similar to the wild crowsfoot found growing in the pasture land of the English countryside.

Over the past few years breeders in the US and Britain have done amazing work in hybridizing the day lily, and their efforts have produced a wide range of colors, flower types and sizes for nearly every part of the garden. Every year many more varieties are added to the list. At last count

# Day lilies: Breathtaking beauties



The varieties of day lily seem endless, and every year new ones are added to the list – the choice is overwhelming.



there were around 30,000 known types, although not all of these are available. In fact, no other perennial has received such hybridization attention with such outstanding results. The colorings are richer, the petals heavier and more branching and quantities of flowers last over a longer period of time. Some of the newer varieties even have double flowers.

Day lilies are one of the most popular garden plants in the US, and the American Hemerocallis Society, founded in 1949, continues to promote these lovelies into the limelight. At times the demand for the rarer hybrids has been so high, it created a kind of "lilymania," not unlike the famous "tulipomania" craze that swept through Holland during the 17th century.

The *Hemerocallis* usually grow to an average of one meter tall, and come in solid and blended colorings of yellow, orange, red, pink, mahogany and pale to vivid purples. Some varieties are white and creamy colored, and occasionally bicolored (two-toned). In fact they are grown in practically every color except true blue. The choice is overwhelming.

They look very good planted in groups and their dense arching foliage helps keep weeds to a minimum. Most of them are evergreen but in cooler areas the green leaves may die down in winter. They prefer a sunny location.

Modern hybrids have been available here for a few years now, and

every year more are added to the list. In fact, the Israeli gardener, like his fellow gardeners abroad, is becoming spoiled for choice.

Our advice is first see how one or two varieties get on in your garden. Depending on how these do, you can always try new and different varieties every year. Once you introduce a few into your garden you will be hooked.

**Position and light:** Few plants are easier to grow here than day lilies, because they are definitely sun lovers. Grow in full sun, but partial shade is also acceptable.

**Soil:** The plants grow very well in ordinary soil, but because they are perennials, they will occupy their ground over a long period of time. It is therefore worthwhile to prepare the soil well before planting by digging it over with a garden fork, and adding plenty of organic material in the form of compost or humus.

**Watering:** Give your plants a generous watering after planting. Afterwards, usually a good watering once or twice a week is sufficient.

**Fertilizing:** Spread a slow

release fertilizer around the plants in the spring, or use a tablespoon of general 20-20-20 fertilizer well stirred into a bucket of water every 10-14 days. A good mulch of well rotted compost will feed the plants and also keep weeds to a minimum.

**Division:** To maintain the strength and vigor of your plants, it may be necessary to "divide" them every three to five years. If the plants become overcrowded, often flower production drops off. A good time to divide plants is usually in the spring but if you feel you will miss out on flowers, you can hold off until mid-summer immediately after the flowering season. Dig up each clump with plenty of roots attached. To divide

a large clump cut or slice through the root ball with a sharp knife while the plant is on the ground. Cut it into manageable pieces, saving only the healthiest ones to replant. Pieces with the current year's flower stalks, known as scapes, are best. Plant them as described above.

**Pests and diseases:** Luckily the day lily escapes most pests and diseases. Sometimes during the

winter some of the leaves will turn black. This is their way of complaining. Usually it means the weather is too cold or too wet.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, morri@mail.biu.ac.il (writing "for David" in the subject line).

## TIP OF THE WEEK

As day lilies are tall and green, their leaves would make good foil for hiding the fading leaves of narcissus, daffodils and other early spring flowering bulbs you can plant among your day lilies.

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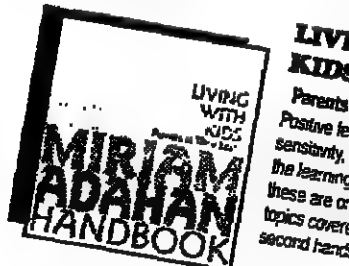
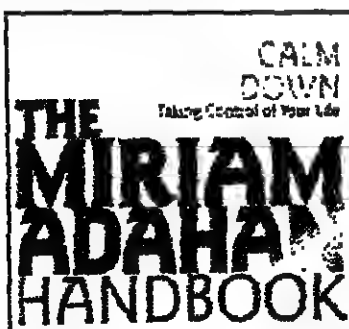
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## Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Even if your animals are lucky enough to enjoy constant good health, you may still need to give them worm pills from time to time. But should they become ill, it is essential that you know how to give them medicine, and thus the best chance of a speedy recovery.

Giving a dog a pill or liquid medicine is not usually much of a problem.

You push the pill into the animal's mouth as far as you can and hold the muzzle closed. In most cases, the dog will swallow the pill. And if you hold the mouth closed it: front and pour in a spoonful of liquid medicine from the side, the dog will usually swallow that as well.

Even easier: Hide a pill or half of one in the middle of a ball of meat, and the dog will gulp it down without ever knowing the pill was there. (Most dogs gulp their food; they rarely chew it.)

**BUT CATS** are a completely different matter.

Put a pill into the tastiest meatball, and a cat will pick around it, carefully eating the meat and leaving the pill.

And unless you don't mind having your fingers badly bitten, never try to poke a pill or capsule into a cat's mouth. For that you need a pair of tweezers at least 20 centimeters long plus nerves of steel - and even then, don't bet on success.

The best way to give a cat medicine is to get the animal to eat it. Of course, if it has no appetite, that won't work. But if the cat is eating, you can try crushing the pill to a powder, or emptying the contents of the capsule into the cat's food.

## How to make the medicine go down



To give a dog a pill, insert it as far back in the mouth as you can and hold the muzzle closed.

(Flash 90)

You'll need food the cat likes, with a strong enough taste to conceal that of the medicine. I have found tinned mackerel best for this purpose - the cheaper the brand and the fishier the smell, the better.

Do not make the mistake of scattering a crushed pill or powder into a full portion of food. If you do, puss just may decide that a few bites are enough, and leave the rest - which of course will be the part containing the powder!

Put the medicine into a small portion and serve that first; then offer the rest of the food when the medicated portion has gone down. If your cat is unwilling to eat,

your best choice is liquid medicine. It may be true for people that "a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down," but cats don't necessarily agree.

This is how to administer liquid medicine: Put a thick towel on a table and place the cat on it. Try to get it to relax and lie down, but if it doesn't, go ahead and wrap the towel firmly around the cat so that only the head is visible. Be very sure the cat is securely wrapped, otherwise you may get a nasty bite or scratch, even from the gentlest domesticated cat.

Open the cat's mouth with pressure on the jaws at the side of the

mouth, insert the spoon or dropper, then close the mouth and hold it closed.

Always administer about 25 percent more medicine than prescribed, because you can be sure the cat will manage to spit out a fair amount.

Smaller pets such as canaries, hamsters, etc., can be given medicine in liquid form by simply dropping it into the mouth and closing the muzzle for a few seconds.

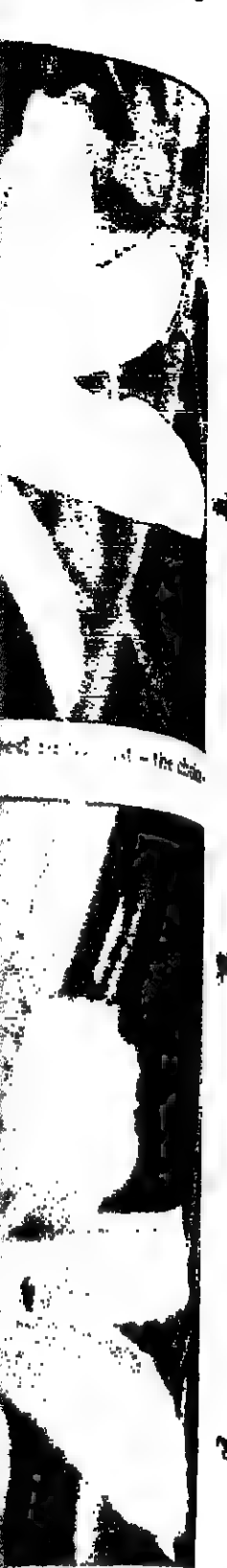
Again, try not to get bitten or scratched, as animal-inflicted wounds can not only be very painful, but easily become infected.



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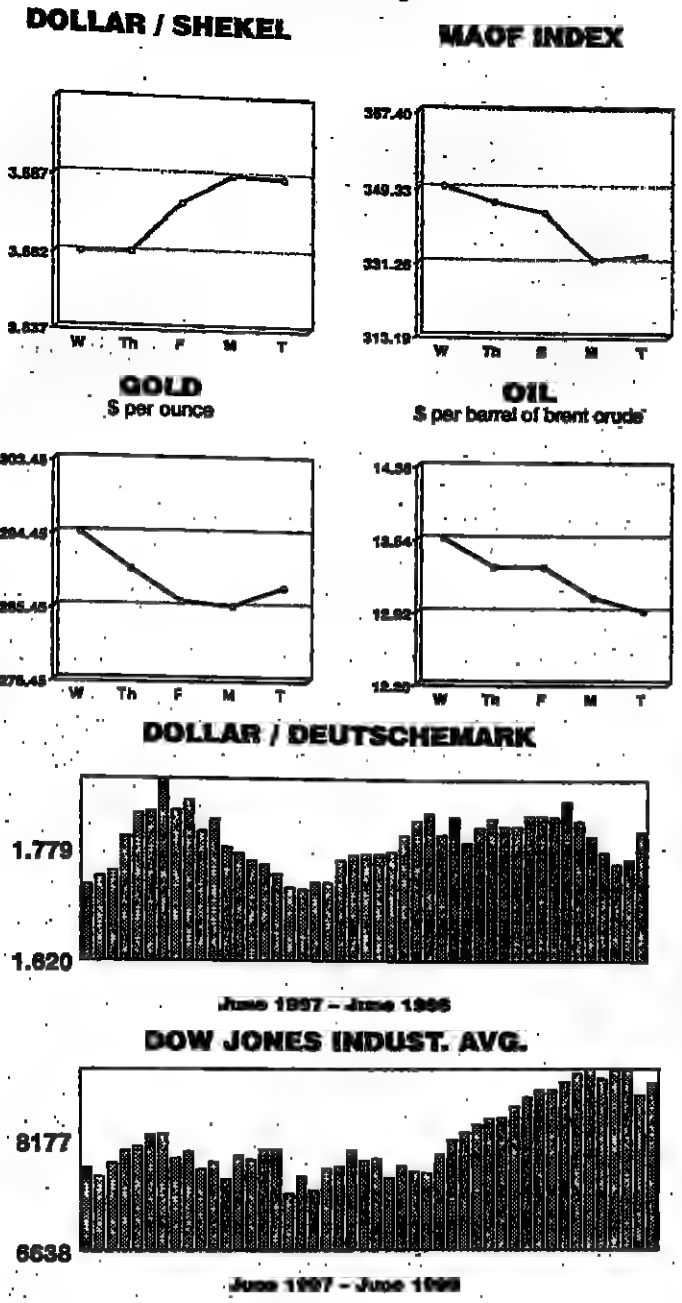
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## MARKETS

in brief



Point of Sale to raise up to \$40m. on Nasdaq

Point of Sale announced that it hopes to raise \$32.7 million to \$40m. through an initial public offering on Nasdaq. The Herzliya-based software developer said it filed yesterday a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for an initial public offering of 3.63 million ordinary shares.

**May's money supply falls 0.9%**  
M1 money supply totaled NIS 20.05 billion in May, down 0.9 percent on the April figure, the Bank of Israel said yesterday. This initial figure follows a 3.3% rise in April and 1.1% increase in March. Over the last 12 months, M1 has increased 11.8%.

**Hapoalim: Negative CPI expected**  
The consumer price index is expected to decline in the next two months, according to a report published yesterday by the Economic Department of Bank Hapoalim. The bank economists predict a negative CPI, 0.1 percent lower in June and July, bringing annual inflation to 4.5%. The Central Bureau of Statistics announced on Monday that CPI rose 0.4 percent last month.

**Synthelabo acquires 27% of Medilene**  
Synthelabo, France's third-largest drugmaker, purchased 26.8 percent of Herzliya-based Medilene, an importer and distributor of pharmaceuticals and consumer goods. Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but industry sources estimate the French company paid some \$4 million. Medilene, which was established in 1983, had sales of \$13m. last year.

**EI AI links up with Cyprus Airways**  
EI AI is to run code-sharing flights between Haifa and Cyprus with Cyprus Airways. EI AI announced yesterday. The flights, which are to depart twice a day on Sundays and Thursdays, are to be marketed by both airlines. In an effort to encourage passengers to visit the other country.

## Neeman announces first tax reform

Property tax to be cut by 52%; MKs say plan doesn't go far enough

By DAVID HARRIS

Within three weeks, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman will introduce to the Knesset a plan to cut property tax by 52 percent, he said yesterday.

Speaking to the Knesset Finance Committee, the minister told MKs the entire tax system is "full of distortions" and that he will introduce a series of reforms in time for the coming tax year.

The first step will be to cut property tax from an annual 2.5% to 1.2%. The tax is payable on undeveloped land.

This proposal constitutes a compromise between the status quo and calls for the abolition of the tax. Among those who said yesterday that Neeman is not going far enough were coalition MKs and former state budget director Yoram Gabbai, who

headed a committee which proposed the abolition of the tax.

On the other hand, Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy has consistently opposed abolishing the tax. One of his key fears is how the Treasury would be able to replace the tax. Revenues are boosted by an annual NIS 950 million from the tax.

Neeman offered an indication of the ways he could recoup the balance, once the cut is brought into effect:

- Increasing the purchase tax on second properties by 0.5% for all tax brackets.
- Reducing property gains tax exemptions on property owners who bought their assets between 1948 and 1960. Presently such landowners pay 12-24% tax. Every year, the amount paid would increase 6% until it reaches a uniform limit. Neeman

added he plans to reduce capital gains tax in the general reform later this year.

Neeman also said he would increase exemptions on property tax from today's ceiling of NIS 12,000 to NIS 40,000. From that sum up to NIS 120,000, landowners would be entitled to a 50% exemption.

Additionally, individuals who own land will be entitled to delay 90% of the payment of the tax until they sell the real estate, or if their total assets amount to no more than NIS 500,000, excluding their own home. This right to delay will only be granted if the tax payable is greater than 10% of their total annual income, or if over the years, the tax paid equals 50% of the value of the land.

"The issue of property tax has disturbed me for many years," Neeman told MKs. "The question is whether we abolish it

completely, which would cause an increase in the cost of housing, or whether to deal with this in an alternative manner."

Following the meeting most MKs spoke against the proposal, with one exception.

The coalition leader on the committee, Michael Kleiner (Gesher), said: "At no point will everyone be satisfied at the same time, so the main wisdom behind taxes is to find the correct balance. I believe this will be approved if the proposal is integrated with a variety of private members' bills on the subject."

Ophir Pines (Labor), who chairs the Knesset Taxation sub-committee, said Neeman's proposal misses the key point. "Ninety percent of those who pay property tax are those can't use the land because they can't obtain building permits," said Pines.



**Raising the stakes of tourism**  
Palestinian workers build part of Jericho's planned \$150 million casino. Casinos Austria intends to open the 'Oasis Casino' complex in autumn, followed by a five-star hotel opening in the summer of 1999.

## Granot named Discount's new head

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Union Bank of Israel (Bank Leumi) general manager David Granot will be appointed as the new general manager of Israel Discount Bank, the bank board of directors decided yesterday.

Granot will replace Avraham Asheri, who stepped down two weeks ago following the bank's recent poor performance. Last month Discount announced a 49.7 percent drop in profits in the first quarter to NIS 33.01 million. The drop followed a 20.6% reduction in 1997 to NIS 199.9m.

In a statement, Discount, the country's third-largest bank, said that Granot accepted the offer and will enter the job when possible.

He will have to face several problems, including an ongoing dispute with workers. Solving this dispute with the bank's workers union is seen as one of the major obstacles to the sale of the government's stake in the bank to private investors.

Granot served for the past four years as the general manager of Union Bank, and before that held the position of general manager of Bank Leumi UK.

## IEC: Israel could miss key energy deadline

By DAVID HARRIS

Israel could well be forced to build a third environmentally unfriendly coal-fired power station or purchase heavy oil to fuel the country's electricity generators, according to a senior Israel Electricity Corporation (IEC) executive.

A decision on the future of the country's energy supply must be made by the end of this year, in accordance with the timetable set by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel

Sharon. There is a chance that this deadline will not be met, which would preclude the option of purchasing gas from a foreign supplier, the executive said yesterday.

IEC is in charge of negotiations to purchase either natural gas via pipeline or liquefied natural gas (LNG). The company must bring its proposals, including names of suppliers, to Sharon by December 31, at which stage he will decide on the course of action.

"The talks with Egypt are frozen," said the source, adding that theoretically Israel could

also look to the Gulf or Russia. Supplies from both the north and east - most likely from Qatar - will prove prohibitively expensive, he said. Consequently, LNG remains the more immediate option. "There are ongoing talks with companies from Australia, Nigeria, and Norway" for the purchase of LNG, he said.

However, National Infrastructure Ministry officials admit that certainly in the Nigerian and Norwegian cases technicalities make them a bleak prospect.

The executive admitted that key to IEC's

considerations is the cost of the gas, and the cheapest source is Egypt. The hope in the company and ministry is that the peace process will advance sufficiently in the remaining months of the year to allow IEC to pump, at least partially, for the Egyptian alternative.

IEC is opposed to the ministry's suggestion that it only purchase liquid gas and any natural gas will go to other industrial consumers. "Do you want cheaper electricity or don't you?" was the executive's response.

## Boston Scientific to buy Pfizer unit for \$2.1b.

By MARION GAMMILL and KERRY DOOLEY

NATICK, Mass. (Bloomberg) — Boston Scientific Corp. said it will buy Pfizer Inc.'s cardiovascular devices unit for \$2.1 billion in cash, adding further products to Boston Scientific's own lines for clearing clogged arteries.

Pfizer said in February that it was looking to sell or spin off Schneider Worldwide, which sells stents, used to prop open arteries, and other devices for angioplasty, a procedure to clear clogged arteries with catheters and inflatable balloons.

The move will help Natick,

Massachusetts-based Boston Scientific compete with Johnson & Johnson, Guidant Corp. and Arterial Vascular Engineering Inc. in the highly contested market for stents.

Schneider sells peripheral stents, used in blood vessels in areas outside the heart such as the kidneys and neck.

"Boston Scientific will become the dominant player in peripheral vascular intervention," said Sam Navarro, an analyst at Paine, Fierman, Seligman & Co. LLC. "Beyond 1998, the peripheral stent market will absolutely grow faster than coronary and there's less competition."

Bulach, Switzerland-based Schneider had sales of about \$330 million in 1997. Though Schneider isn't coming cheap for Boston Scientific, it's worth the price and Boston Scientific will likely shed some of Schneider's infrastructure, analysts said.

"They can justify the price based on the technology they're going to acquire and the tremendous cost savings they can realize," said Darrell Riley, an analyst at T. Rowe Price, which owns shares in Boston Scientific. "They basically have this big organization to cherry pick from, to plug in holes in their own organization, and the rest of it goes."

The announcement comes as Boston Scientific waits for US regulatory approval of its NIR coronary stent, which it hopes to receive in July.

Though the company's earnings fell in the fourth and first quarters as a strong US dollar cut into international sales, its shares have risen more than 30 percent so far this year on expectations of strong US sales for NIR. Buying Schneider gives Boston Scientific wider access to the stent market, along with Schneider's technology that allows for easier removal and exchanges of balloons used in angioplasty.

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VICTORY PUFF - Phil Jackson.

## Bulls' coach weighs options

**SALT LAKE CITY** - The outcome he had expected, the one to the season, had just arrived, and Phil Jackson was sitting at the postgame press conference Sunday night, his salt-and-pepper hair mussed and wet from champagne, a towel over his right shoulder, a beverage in the paper cup in his right hand, a freshly lit stogie in his left hand, a smile never more than a few seconds away. There was cigar smoke in the air, and there was an air of accomplishment.

"How sweet it is, isn't it?" he said by way of an opening statement. Jackson was basking in the moment, for what it meant to the Chicago Bulls, the team he has coached for the last nine seasons, and what it will mean in the weeks ahead. It was as if one game had just ended, the 87-86 victory over the Utah Jazz that produced a third consecutive NBA title and a sixth in the last eight years, and another was just beginning, the one in which he playfully answered questions about his future.

"Phil, there have been reports in Seattle, Denver and LA that all those teams wanted to talk to you as soon as the season is over. If they approach you, will you have conversations with them?" "I think they want to congratulate me for the sixth championship," Jackson said. "And I'll accept those calls, thanks." It's a grand view from the cabaret seat, and Jackson surveys the coaching horizon as a free agent-to-be - one of the many among the Bulls - and contemplates a future that may not be solely his to determine.

The Los Angeles Lakers most appeal to Jackson, but there is no sign they will be accepting applications.

The Los Angeles Clippers have an opening, but also know that Jackson will price himself out of their range, that he has no interest in them, anyway.

The Seattle SuperSonics could hire Paul Westphal soon, perhaps beating the Clippers to the punch.

The Denver Nuggets, with a geographic advantage, since Jackson is a Montana native who still has a home there and an appeal for the Rocky Mountain lifestyle, are also the farthest away when it comes to making the playoffs.

The options are not exactly plentiful, strange as that sounds for someone with such an impressive resume. Which is why he begins the off-season leaning toward simply sitting out 1998-99, although a return to the Bulls is not out of the question.

"I'm going to get on the airplane tonight and celebrate, and worry about the future in the future," the Bulls' operations chief, Jerry Krause, said after the victory at the Delta Center, dodging the free-agency issue.

That's how it will apparently be left for now, because of the league's probable lockout later this summer.

The one-season contract Jackson signed last summer came with the statement that the parties would sever ties after 1997-98 - and now chairman Jerry Reinsdorf says he would like to keep the whole lot together.

Michael Jordan will be waiting to see what Scottie Pippen does, and vice versa. Jordan will be watching to see if Jackson comes back, though Jordan has also eased off on his previous stance that he wouldn't come back if it meant breaking in a new coach. Jackson will be waiting, even during his fly fishing in Big Sky country, to see who calls.

(Reuters)

# Orioles end Wells' winning streak

**BALTIMORE (AP)** - The Baltimore Orioles ended David Wells' eight-game winning streak Monday night, scoring the go-ahead run on a close play at the plate in the sixth inning of a 7-4 victory over the New York Yankees.

The game also featured the ejection of Yankees reliever Mike Stanton on a scene eerily similar to the one that started a brawl between the teams in New York on May 19.

Stanton hit Eric Davis with a pitch immediately after allowing a seventh-inning solo homer to Rafael Palmeiro that made it 6-4. Last month, Orioles reliever Armando Benitez hit Tino Martinez with a fastball after yielding a home run to Bernie Williams.

**Royals 7, Indians 6 (10)**  
Jeff King hit a two-run homer in the top of the 10th inning as Kansas City handed the Indians their fourth straight loss.

Hal Morris singled off Jose Mesa (3-3) to open the 10th. King followed with his 12th homer into the center field bleachers.

**White Sox 3, Red Sox 2**  
Rookie Jim Parque pitched seven strong innings and host Chicago scored three runs in the fifth to halt Boston's four-game winning streak.

**Tigers 3, Twins 2**  
Brian Moehler remained unbeaten at home and Bobby Higginson homered as host Detroit snapped a six-game home losing streak.

**Devil Rays 8, Blue Jays 7**  
Kevin Stocker's sacrifice fly capped a three-run eighth inning for host Tampa Bay, which came back after squandering a five-run lead.

**Angels 8, Rangers 5**  
Steve Sparks got his first victory in almost two years, and Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer as Anaheim won on the road.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**Astros 13, Reds 2**  
Derek Bell drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer as Houston finished a successful 5-2 road trip.

By splitting the four-game series, the Reds remained at a season-low 10 games under .500 (30-40). Cincinnati has lost 10 of its last 13 games.

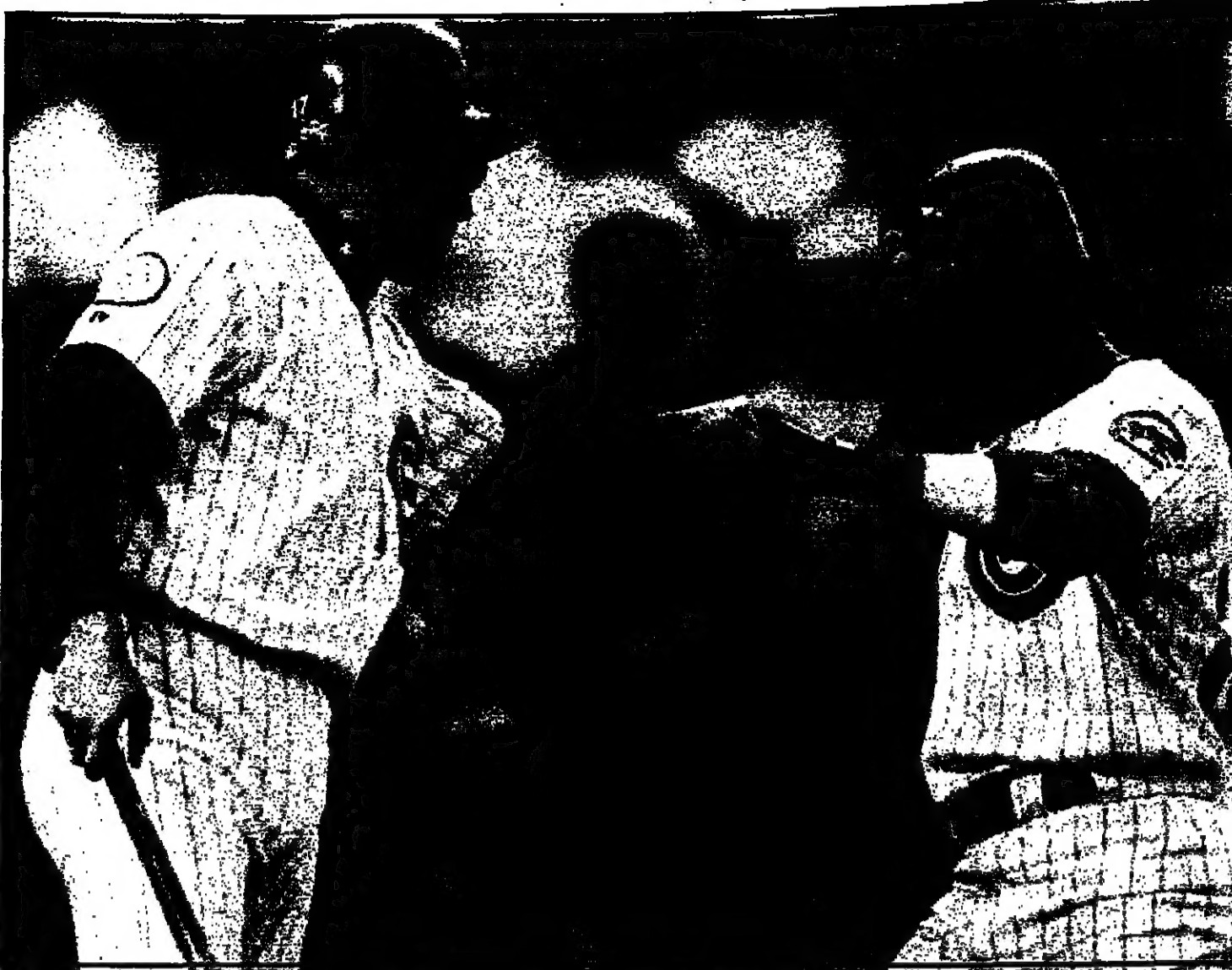
**Phillies 2, Pirates 1**  
Matt Beech struck out a career-high 11 and limited visiting Pittsburgh to four hits in eight innings.

Desi Relaford extended his hitting streak to 10 games, tops among NL rookies this year, and drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the sixth.

**Cubs 6, Brewers 5**  
Sammy Sosa had the second three-homer game of his career to power Chicago to a home win. Sosa hit solo homers off Cal Eldred in the first, third and seventh innings for his 26th career multi-homer game and fourth this year.

Terry Adams (6-3), working in relief of starter Kerry Wood, pitched two-thirds of an inning for the victory. Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

Wood, the celebrated Cubs' rookie, gave up five runs, three hits and six walks in 7 1/3 innings. He struck out nine.



**TWO OF THREE** - Cubs' Mark Grace (l) congratulates Sammy Sosa after the latter's second home run in third-inning action against the Brewers. Sosa hit a third HR in the seventh to help sink Milwaukee 6-5.

(Reuters)

**Rockies 4, Giants 3 (12)**  
Ellis Burks hit a two-run homer as Colorado scored three runs in

the top of the 12th to hand the Giants their season-worst fifth straight loss.

### MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING** - Rodriguez, Texas, .572; Williams, New York, .353; Segui, Seattle, .348; Tjander, Minnesota, .337; Morris, Kansas City, .337; O'Neill, New York, .331; Dujari, New York, .329.

**RUNS** - Griffey Jr., Seattle, 59; Dujari, New York, 53; Thome, Cleveland, 53; Durham, Chicago, 52; Grieve, Oakland, 51; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 51; Knoblauch, New York, 49.

**RBI** - Rodriguez, Texas, 81; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 62; Thome, Cleveland, 56; Belle, Chicago, 55; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 55; Easley, Detroit, 52; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 51; Janks, Kansas City, 51.

**HOME RUNS** - Griffey Jr., Seattle, 26; A-Rodriguez, Texas, 8; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 8; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 8; Mavugha, Boston, 8; Segui, Seattle, 8; JuGonzalez, Texas, 8; Thome, Cleveland, 17.

**STOLEN BASES** - Henderson, Oakland, 25; Gooden, Texas, 23; Lofton, Cleveland, 21; Canseco, Toronto, 19; El-Humay, Detroit, 18; Stewart, Toronto, 17; Knoblauch, New York, 17.

**PITCHING** (8 Decisions) - Cone, New York, 9-1, .900, 4.56; D-Wells, New York, 8-2, .800, 4.47; Williams, Toronto, 7-2, .778, 3.25; Martinez, Boston, 7-2, .778, 3.46; Helling, Texas, 9-3, .750, 4.42; Wakefield, Boston, 7-3, .700, 4.07; Nagy, Cleveland, 7-3, .700, 5.16; O'Flaherty, Anaheim, 7-3, .700, 2.83.

**STOLEN BASES** - Johnson, Seattle, 122; P-Martinez, Boston, 114; CF-Inley, Anaheim, 109; Clemens, Toronto, 90; Erickson, Baltimore, 87; Sele, Texas, 78; Arroyo, Tampa Bay, 77; Williams, Toronto, 77; Cone, New York, 77.

**SAVES** - Perchal, Anaheim, 20; Gordon, Boston, 18; Westland, Texas, 18; Palmyers, Toronto, 18; Rivera, New York, 15; R-Hernandez, Tampa Bay, 13; Jackson, Cleveland, 13; Aguilera, Minnesota, 13.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**BATTING** - McGriff, Chicago, .354; Olerud, New York, .352; Gwynn, San Diego, .348; Bjorndal, St. Louis, .341; Alou, Houston, .340; Walker, Colorado, .336; Bichette, Colorado, .336.

**RUNS** - Biggio, Houston, 63; Galaraga, Atlanta, 58; Chionas, Atlanta, 57; Glaville, Philadelphia, 56; Sosa, Chicago, 54; McGwire, St. Louis, 54; Walker, Colorado, 50.

**RBI** - McGwire, St. Louis, 80; Galaraga, Atlanta, 66; Castella, Colorado, 63; Sosa, Chicago, 63; Alou, Houston, 58; Gvaughn, San Diego, 57; Brogna, Philadelphia, 55.

**HOME RUNS** - McGwire, St. Louis, 31; Galaraga, Atlanta, 26; Sosa, Chicago, 24; Castella, Colorado, 22; Gvaughn, San Diego, 22; Chionas, Atlanta, 17; S are tied with 15.

**PITCHING** (8 Decisions) - Millwood, Atlanta, 9-2, .818, 3.73; Glaville, Atlanta, 9-2, .818, 2.78; Glaville, Atlanta, 9-2, .818, 1.76; Inge, Chicago, 8-2, .750, 3.85; Nolas, San Diego, 8-2, .750, 3.18; Schmidt, Pittsburgh, 8-3, .727, 3.80; Hampton, Houston, 8-3, .727, 2.80; Rifeed, New York, 8-3, .727, 2.31.

**STRIKEOUTS** - Schilling, Philadelphia, 147; Wood, Chicago, 107; Stottmyre, St. Louis, 99; Martinez, Los Angeles, 91; Reynolds, Houston, 86; Nolas, San Diego, 86; Nolas, San Diego, 86.

**SAVES** - Hoffman, San Diego, 20; Nen, San Francisco, 19; Shaw, Cincinnati, 18; Beck, Chicago, 17; Wagner, Houston, 16; Urbina, Montreal, 16; Franco, New York, 16.

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## CRITICS' CHOICE

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

The Jerusalem International Chamber Music Encounters reach their conclusion today (5 p.m.) with a special concert at the Jerusalem Music Center in which the participating ensembles will play movements from trios and quartets by Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Ravel. The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra joins the Ra'anana Symphony Orchestra to perform classical music and Georgian folk songs in a concert which also features music by Tchaikovsky, Bruch and Liszt. Tonight and Saturday in Ra'anana (9 p.m.). Adina Hoffer appears in harp recital tonight (9) at the Confederation House in Jerusalem performing classical music by Bach with her own improvisations and the concerto for harp and electronic music by Yosef Tal.

The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra celebrates summer with a Viennese evening featuring overture, arias and duets from the favorite operas of Lehar, Johann Strauss and many other famous opera composers. Doron Solomon is on the podium tonight in Kimaron, Beit She'an, Saturday in Givat Brenner, Sunday in Dorot, next Tuesday in Mahariya and June 27 at the Tel Aviv Museum. 8:30 p.m. except Saturdays at 9 p.m.

## FILM

ADINA HOFFER

\*\*\* THE WEDDING SINGER - Light as a marshmallow and about as nourishing, this is a



Drew Barrymore stars as a cute waitress engaged to marry a big lug of a junk-bond trader in "The Wedding Singer."

stiff but entertaining romantic comedy that stars Adam Sandler as a suburban crooner who makes a living serenading newbies at a local reception hall, and Drew Barrymore as a waitress engaged to marry a big lug of a junk-bond trader. Director Frank Coraci and screenwriter Tim Herlihy understand the trifling nature of their material and they do a good job of keeping things bubbly and proportional. Much of the humor here comes from the picture's comic-book approach to its time frame. The year is 1985, the clothes are tacky and everyone's hair looks awful. And though it is a bit disconcerting to see such recent fads already treated as the stuff of ancient history, the filmmakers' exaggerated approach to their setting feels necessary. The story alone is too slight to sustain an entire picture, and by adding a bit of polyester sparkle, they give themselves more room to play. (Parental guidance suggested)

## TV

## CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News Flash  
6:31 News in Arabic  
6:45 Good Morning Israel

## EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Richard Stolzman - Tolstoy  
8:30 English  
9:00 Science  
9:25 English  
9:40 Mathematics  
9:55 Geography  
10:00 Programs for the very young  
11:00 Science  
11:40 Environmental Studies  
12:10 Scientific Literature  
12:30 Music  
13:00 Art  
13:30 Animation  
14:30 Bay City  
15:00 River Horse Lake

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## Reporter gets too close to breaking news

LONDON (AP) — An English newspaper journalist unwittingly became the victim of an event he was covering in Marseille.

Evening Standard reporter Alex Renton was caught up in the violence in Marseille following England's World Cup win over Tunisia on Monday.

Renton, who was knocked unconscious and spent the night in a Marseille hospital, described his ordeal in an article in yesterday's Evening Standard.

Renton said he had filed a story after the game and was going for a soft drink when he was attacked. He didn't specify who the assailants were or whether they were English.

"Somewhere between the riot police and a knot of Tunisian fans I got into one of those conversations you try to exit from as fast as possible," he wrote.

"I got a bang on the head and a nasty kick in the stomach," he wrote. "Very soon I found myself on the ground under the eyes of half a dozen still and television cameras, not a pleasant reversal of roles."

Renton said he only got away from the "hads," who were kicking him because three young local women shouted at them to stop and then directed another man to drag him across to a group of English journalists.

# Brazil win group, advance to next stage

## Crush Morocco 3-0; Scotland-Norway match ends as 1-1 draw



TODAY AT THE WORLD CUP  
Group B  
Chile-Australia St. Etienne 18:30  
(Channel 1, Eurosport)  
Italy-Cameroon Montpellier  
22:00 (Channel 1)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS  
Group A: Norway 1, Scotland 1  
Group A: Brazil 3, Morocco 0



Ronaldo (center) celebrates with teammates Cafu (behind) and Cesar Sampaio (left) after scoring Brazil's first goal. (Reuters)

NANTES (Reuters) — Reigning champions Brazil became the first side assured of a place in the knock-out phase of the World Cup yesterday after brushing Morocco aside 3-0 to record their second successive win in Group A.

Turning up the heat a couple of notches from their opening win over Scotland, the Brazilians were 2-0 at halftime through Ronaldo and Rivaldo and a 50th-minute close-range effort from Bebeto completed a straightforward job.

Whatever happens in their final group game against Norway, Mario Zagallo's side are already assured of a place in the last 16.

But the experienced coach will be forced to deal with a very public on-field disagreement between Bebeto and his captain Dunga in the first half. Team mates were forced to intervene.

Ronaldo, by his standards, had been enduring a lean patch with no goals in his last four appearances in a Brazilian shirt, one of them admittedly just a warm-up game against Athletic Bilbao.

No-one would have guessed it by the way he collected Rivaldo's lofted diagonal ball just outside the arc of the penalty area in the ninth minute, took aim and drilled it beyond goalkeeper Driss Benzekri's outstretched right hand.

Brazil might have been two up by then, only a hairline offside decision ruling out Leonardo's left-foot effort from another Rivaldo through pass in the third

minute. All Morocco could realistically do was hang on and Chiba's clumsy lunge at Ronaldo's thigh, lucky not to earn him a yellow card, hinted at African desperation.

Any fond hopes Morocco had of forcing a way back into the game vanished in the second minute of injury-time at the interval. Full-back Cafu escaped once again down the right and Rivaldo finished nonchalantly from six meters out.

Never beaten by an African nation in a dozen meetings at full international level, Brazil had the perfect platform to thrill their demanding supporters but only Bebeto obliged them after excellent approach work from Ronaldo.

### Brown gamble gives Scotland hope

In Bordeaux, a second-half gamble by Scotland coach Craig Brown gave his side a 1-1 draw with Norway that leaves both countries with a chance of reaching the second round of the World Cup finals for the first time.

After his team went behind to a Havard Flo headed goal in the first minute of the second half, Brown switched defensive midfielder Craig Burley from the right hand side to a more advanced central position.

The Celtic player responded with a fine 67th minute goal, lobbing the ball neatly over goalkeeper Frode Grodas from a pass by substitute David Weir.

Scotland deserved a point, and probably three, after dominating the game for long periods against a lackluster Norway side. Brown certainly felt disappointed with the result.

"When we went a goal down we had to gamble," Brown said.

"The gamble paid off with an excellent goal. We're desperately disappointed not to have won this match." Norway have a point more than Scotland but have to play Brazil in their final group game. Scotland face Morocco, playing the champions later on Tuesday, in the last game of this phase.

Scotland have not qualified for the second round in seven previous attempts since 1954. Norway,

unbeaten now since January 1997, are playing in only their third finals but did not qualify for the second round in 1938 or 1994.

After a first half that Scotland dominated, Flo caught Scotland cold right at the start of the second period.

He slid in at the far post to nod the ball home after Vidar Riseth, brought into the side by coach Egil Olsen because of his pace, beat Burley on the left and sent in an inviting cross.

Brown reacted by taking off defender Colin Calderwood and bringing on Jackie McNamara, who took over Burley's starting position on the right hand side of deep midfield.

Burley thrived in the new posi-

tion which he plays regularly for his club. "After that we lost control of the match," Olsen said. "In fact, we were lucky not to lose this game." Burley had the chance to give Scotland victory in the 75th minute but Grodas pulled off a sensational save to push away his shot from the edge of the box.

Scotland had the best of the opening phase and almost got off to a dream start after some skilful work on the right-hand side from John Collins in the fourth minute. The Monaco midfielder floated in an inviting ball which Christian Dailly headed inches across the goal and past the post.

Scotland went close again in the 19th minute, when Kevin Gallacher just failed to connect fully with a knockback from Gordon Durie after a deep cross from Tom Boyd.

The cross from the Celtic defender, who had shrugged off the own goal that cost his country a point against Brazil last week, was one of several promising attacks from the Scotland left. But the final ball into the box was often disappointing.

Norway became more lively as the first half went on.

Scotland goalkeeper Jim Leighton had to race off his line in the 26th minute to block a shot from midfielder Roar Strand.

Stale Solbakken missed a fine chance in the 37th minute, hitting a close range shot over the bar after Strand whipped in a cross from the left.

"The only time we were out of the game was a 10-minute spell after their goal. I thought we controlled the remainder of the match," Brown said.

Olsen said he was disappointed with the way his side surrendered control after Burley's goal but added Norway could still qualify for the second round under their own steam. "We're still in with a chance," he said.

GROUP A										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Brazil	2	2	0	0	5	1	6			
Norway	2	1	1	0	3	3	3			
Scotland	2	0	2	0	3	3	2			
Morocco	2	0	1	1	2	4	1			

Best goalkeepers for second round

Remaining matches:

June 23 Brazil v Norway (Marseille, 22:00), Scotland v Morocco (St. Etienne, 22:00)

## Sampras and Hingis face difficult first-round draws for Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuters) — Defending Wimbledon champions Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis have been handed tricky first round matches in the All-England championships starting on Monday.

Sampras was paired yesterday with Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty who took him to five sets in last year's Australian Open.

The American has been Wimbledon champion in four of the past five years but is currently in poor form.

He made an early exit from last month's French Open and was defeated in straight sets by Australian Mark Woodforde at the London grasscourt championships last week.

Top-seeded Hingis faces grass court specialist Lisa Raymond of the US in the opening match of the women's event.

Men's second seed Marcelo Rios, who is closing in on Sampras's No. 1 ranking, meets Spaniard Francisco Claver in a battle of clay court specialists.

Claver has never progressed beyond the second round in four appearances at Wimbledon.

### Smashnova to meet Lucie in 1st round

Israel's only direct entry to Wimbledon is Anna Smashnova, world No. 64, who will meet Czech teen star Lucie Hradecká at 24, in the first round.

Czech Petr Korda, seeded three, will meet Javier Sanchez of Spain while last year's beaten finalist Cédric Pioline has an awkward first round encounter with Switzerland's Marc Rosset.

French Open champion Carlos Moya of Spain begins his bid for a second successive grand slam title against a qualifier.

Big-serving Lindsay Davenport, seeded to meet Hingis in the women's draw, should have few problems in her opening match against Florencia Labat of Argentina.

Seven-times champion Steffi Graf, seeded fourth despite her low ranking because of injuries, will meet Gail Leon-Garcia of Spain, while Anna Kournikova, expected to be the darling of the Wimbledon crowds this summer, meets American Kimberly Po.

Third seed Jana Novotna has been drawn against Czech compatriot

Rios won the first set but succumbed meekly after dropping the second and went out 3-6 6-4 6-0 to the Italian.

Two other seeds also went out early, fifth-seeded Todd Woodbridge to Wayne Black of Zimbabwe and number eight seed Hicham Anzi of Morocco.

Black beat the Australian 7-6 7-6 while Prinosel upset Anzi 6-3 6-4.

Fourth seed Cédric Pioline, last year's beaten Wimbledon finalist, came through 6-4 6-4 against Thomas Nydahl of Sweden.

Top seed Marcelo Rios flopped in his first grass court warm-up match for Wimbledon when he surrendered to Italian Gianluca Pozzi in the Nottingham Open on yesterday.

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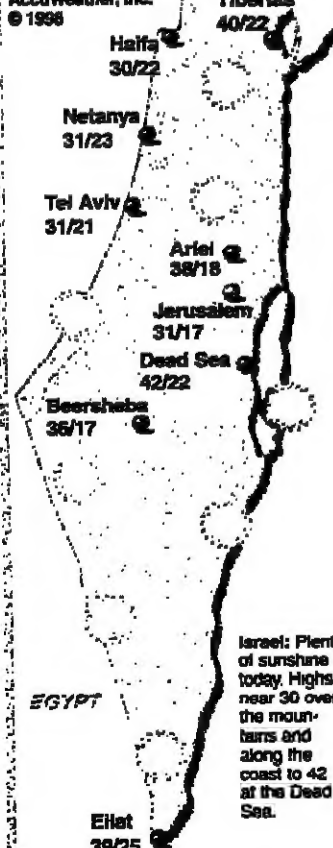
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